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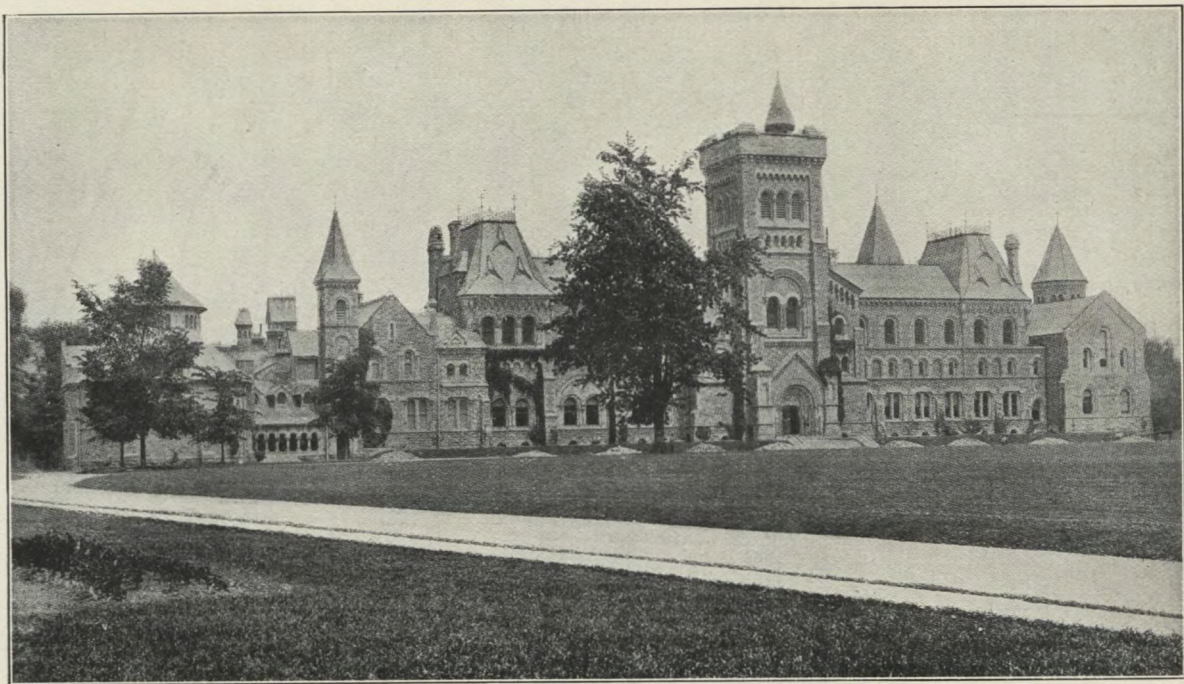
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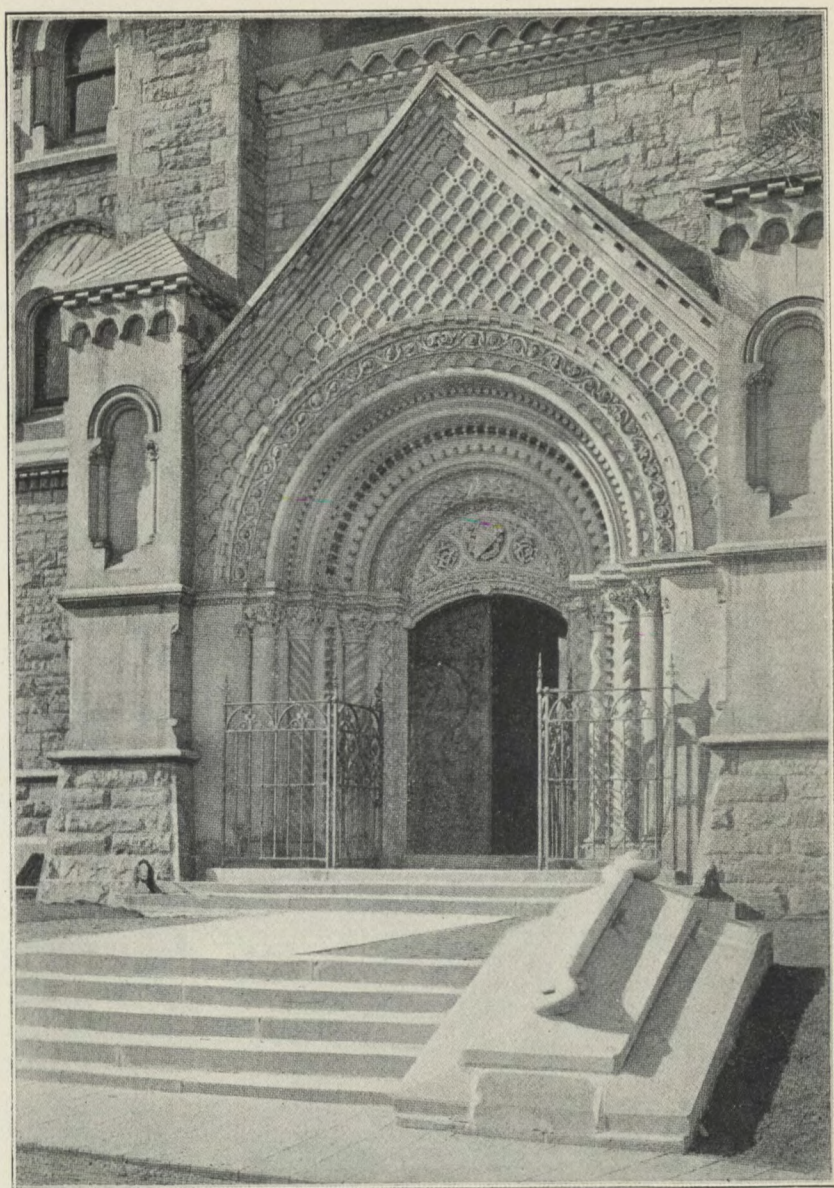
The citizen of Toronto may have his doubts concerning many of our institutions. He is uncertain as to the merits of our telephone system, and emphatic as to the failings of our street railway company. He may speak diffidently of the architecture of our Parliament buildings, and apologetically of our Public Library; but, whether the stranger within our gates be from San Francisco, Old London, or New York—one thing we have to which we may proudly point him—the University of Toronto. And rightly so. Its rapid growth from a small sectarian college to a non-sectarian, provincial university; the high status it enjoys among institutions for higher education all over America; the success of its alumni, both at home and abroad, and last but not least, the beauty of its main building, are surely adequate reasons for a pride, which is shared to some extent, by every man, woman and child in our fair city.

There are none of the associations of antiquity about our University. Like everything else in this country, it is new. In 1827, a royal charter was issued providing for the establishment of a college, to be called King's College, at or near the town of York (the old name for Toronto). All the members of the faculty, chancellor, etc., were to be of the Established Church, and there was to be a religious test for divinity students.

In 1849, this royal charter was cancelled, and with it passed away the old order of things. A new charter was issued which gave the college a new constitution, and the name of University of Toronto. At the same time, the University was completely secularized, and was to be henceforth under government control.

In 1853, a new act was passed, by which the institution was re-organized after the model of the University of London, into two practically independent parts, (1) an examining and degree-conferring body, under the name of the University of Toronto, controlled by the Senate; and (2) a teaching body with the name of University College, controlled by the president and professors. For thirty-four years, the constitution of the university remained unchanged. Then in 1887 was passed the University Act, whose main object was to secure a more uniform standard of higher education by the union of the various denominational colleges of the province, with the provincial university.

Thus do we come to our system of federated colleges—, which is, I believe, one wherein we differ greatly from the universities over the line. It is a Canadian adaptation of the Oxford and Cambridge systems. We have, within the *one* university, several denominational colleges (as for example, Victoria, a Methodist institution; Trinity, Episcopalian), and the undenominational University College, all with their separate faculties of arts, teaching practically the same subjects, and with exactly the same standing, while the university alone retains some special subjects, in which instruction is open to all students in the federated colleges. The University has its faculties also in medicine and in applied science, and is affiliated with the Toronto Law School, so that while the Methodists register at Victoria, our future doctors at the Toronto Medical School, and the vast majority at University College, they do all belong to the great University of Toronto, and receive their degrees from her.



MAIN ENTRANCE—MAIN BUILDING

The supreme authority is vested in the Crown. The Lieutenant Governor is official visitor, and his approval is necessary before any appropriations are made. (This power, of course, is merely nominal.) With him, too, rest all appointments, both in the University, and in University College (though not in the other colleges, of course) always on recommendation of the President and Senate. All the property and effects of the University are vested in a Board of Trustees in trust. This board has general powers with regard to the management, control and government of the property, and income of the University, subject to the control of the Crown. It also controls salaries, annual appropriations, and lastly (most interesting of all) the fees to be paid by students.

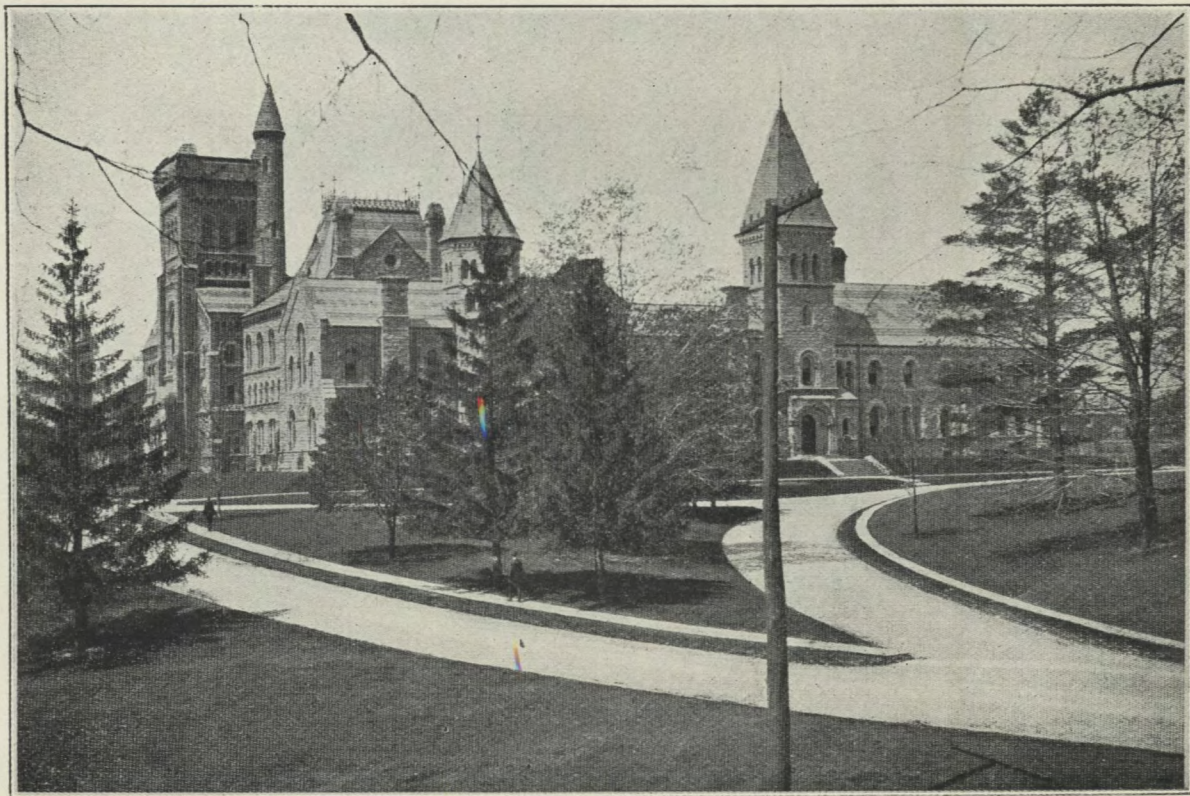
The Senate, whose chairman is called the Chancellor, is composed of *ex officio*, appointed and elected members, and comprises the heads of the various federated colleges, deans of the faculties, etc., besides representative professors and graduates, elected for three years. This body controls the academic work of the University—that is, the courses of study, publication of calendars, besides the conduct of examinations and granting of degrees. Is it any wonder that this august body is held in awe and reverence by the trembling undergraduate? The discipline of the students and control of student societies is looked after by the University Council and its discipline committee, which ends the list, I think, of governing bodies. This discipline committee has come rather into prominence during this past week, when it suspended seven members of the sophomore year for (oh, the pity of it!) seizing and painting several juniors on their way to a class reception. It seems that the two years had a feud, due to some little trouble over a certain oyster supper, and the second year men felt that their honor demanded redress. Result—spoiled faces and clothes for the juniors, suspension for seven sophomores, and the whole of the second year ready to go out on strike if the seven men are not

reinstated at once! Isn't that something quite unknown in the States? Student strikes are not exactly frequent here, but it is a phase of university life that has to be met and reckoned with occasionally. In the present instance a keen sense of justice forbids that the students who were not caught should let seven who were caught suffer alone for what the whole year was responsible for, but whether the authorities will reinstate the offenders or suspend the whole year for a short period is still undecided.

Naturally, this system of federated colleges means numerous university buildings. With the exception of Trinity, these are all situated in, or very near, Queen's Park, in the center of which are our Parliament buildings; so that our educational and legislative buildings together form a little colony apart from the busy life surrounding them.

The main building, which, in the days when it was the only one, used to be lovingly referred to as *The Building*, is everywhere recognized as one of the foremost architectural structures of America, and is indeed the finest example of Norman Romanesque style on the continent. Built in rough grey stone, the impression is at once given of reposeful dignity, and simple worth. Although not a large building, its parts are so well proportioned that it is possible to get at once a proper idea of its size. The two wings are about equal in mass, and possess the same general characteristics of form, yet with enough variation of detail to avoid any commonplace repetition. The great Norman tower is, of course, the outstanding feature, showing noble and graceful against the sky, its conical turret and spire giving a touch of the upward aspiration characteristic of the Gothic style; while the wonderful portal or gate is the crowning glory of the whole beautiful exterior.

Unfortunately, the other buildings of the University are not up to the standard set by the master builders of 1856. The handsome and up-to-date library building, the biological building, and Victoria College, are probably deserving of



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most praise, but the new School of Applied Science, and the finely equipped new medical school are not (from a beauty standpoint), welcome additions to the colony in Queen's Park.

The pretty little Y. M. C. A. building, which constantly reminds students of the religious side of college life; the Gymnasium, which does its easier part for the athletic side; the chemical building, St. Michael's College, Wycliffe College and the new Convocation Hall, now in course of erection, is, I think, a full list, except for the two women's residences. Did I mention that Toronto is a co-educational institution? Women were first admitted to lectures with the same advantages as men in 1888, and since then, the number of women students has increased amazingly. Victoria College now has, through the liberality of a philanthropic Methodist, one of the most splendid dormitories on the continent, while Queen's Hall, the University College residence, though less pretentious, is an equally comfortable and cosy home for out-of-town women students.

At present, Toronto University has no residence for men. In the olden days, the western wing of the Main building was utilized for that purpose, but with the growth of the University, this space was needed for lecture rooms, so that a residence fund is all they have just now. This, to my mind, is a very serious defect. Board is very high in Toronto, so that few students can afford to live where they would be absolutely comfortable; and unless he belongs to a fraternity, or has friends in the city, a man is left entirely to the tender mercies of that awful person, "the lady who takes a few boarders."

And now just a word about our method of study. It was so strange to hear all the girls whom we met at Convention in Philadelphia talking about so many "hours" of work. The idea seemed to be that so long as the "hours" were put in it did not matter very much what you got out of them. When you enter a University, you take as many hours a

week as you like in any subject, provided you are occupied the sufficient number, do you not? That is so unlike our method, in which "candidates for the degree of B. A. must take one of the courses prescribed by the University, each of which extends over a period of four academic years." Thus states our Calendar, or Catalogue, as you call it, I think. When a student enters he is supposed to know what "course" he wishes to pursue, Moderns, Classics, Philosophy, or any of the numerous ones arranged by the Senate. Of course, there are so many that, practically, a student can take whatever combination of subjects he will; yet if he wishes, for example, to turn his attention especially to French and German, he must enroll in Moderns, and take also English, some History, Italian or Spanish, and perhaps even one or two other subjects in the two earlier years, which, however, are called merely "pass" subjects, that is, he is required to take only one-third of the marks instead of the one-half necessary in the case of an honor or major subject.

As regards post-graduate work, Toronto is to a certain extent, lacking. The disastrous fire of 1890, which damaged a great part of the interior of the Main building, completely destroyed what was the nucleus of a very fine library, and although the kindness of friends, both in Great Britain and in the States has done much to repair the loss, our library equipment is still inadequate to the demands of any post-graduate work of a literary character, where many reference works, and all authorities are necessary. But as regards post-graduate work in science, where library resources are second in importance to mental and laboratory equipment, very satisfactory work has been done, and with the promised donation from the Government, this department should make even greater progress within the next few years.

RUTH BERTRAM,

Sigma.

A PLEA FOR A MORE INTIMATE RELATION BETWEEN ACTIVE AND ALUMNÆ MEMBERS

The true test of a fraternity is not in the bids lost or gained in rushing season nor in the number of representatives at college functions nor the honor list on commencement day, but in its seniors and alumnæ, for there we find the imprint of methods and policy and the result of association and ideals. The responsibility of an alumna is no less than that of an active girl, but in fact is greater for the average undergraduate is in a recipient position, receiving far more from her fraternity than she has the power to give, while the alumna is spreading her wings, is less pressed for time, and is in a measure able to repay some of the manifold benefits received in college. This is a serious thought for those of us who have reaped the advantages of Kappa Alpha Theta, enjoyed her standing in the college world and been moulded by her standards and ideals. Certainly our debt is not cancelled by being good rushers, by a subscription to the Journal, nor by a creditable graduation. As undergraduates, we are prone to partake in many college activities, saying we do so for the sake of our fraternity, while in reality we are doing them, unconsciously perhaps, for the pleasure there is in doing them. To the alumna comes the opportunity of doing genuine unselfish labor for Kappa Alpha Theta. There is nothing more conducive to the advancement and development of a fraternity than the maintenance of an intimate relation between all its members, both active and alumnæ. Since our founding we have held an enviable reputation for good fellowship and fraternity feeling and this every member should guard, for it is one of the secrets of our strength.

The freshman usually classifies all alumnæ in two divisions, those who "understand" and those who "misunderstand." She vows that she will be one of those girls who come back on holidays and vacations and put courage into

the chapter, help sympathetically with the labor, and make the house ring with fun and gayety. She usually goes behind the pantry door and gives the grip to a fellow-freshman, who is also bristling with pride because she belongs to a fraternity that develops such fine "old girls" who "understand." Every senior on graduation plans great things to do for the fraternity in the way of building houses, winning fame and keeping an ever watchful eye on the chapter. Few of these plans ever materialize. The girls go different ways, new interests crowd in as they should, and often the ways and means are small until many alumnae are strangers to their own chapter, and to the development and demands of the fraternity at large. For the alumna living in the same city with an active chapter, the problem is solved, for she is unconsciously drawn into that chapter's activities and is acquainted with fraternity interests. The position of women, who are members of an alumnae organization is much harder, but those who live at corners of the earth where perhaps they are the only Thetas have the greatest difficulty of all in keeping in touch with the active girls and the fraternity world, though in far away places we find some most intelligent and enthusiastic fraternity women.

The initiative usually has to be taken by the alumnae, for obvious reasons. If some of the "old girls" only realized how much a note on pledging day, a telegram at initiation, a letter for Founders' Banquet, or a congratulatory letter on some new honor was appreciated by the younger girls, they would show their interest more frequently. Girls have innumerable methods of keeping in touch with the active members. One Theta living at a great distance from her mother chapter used to send to the house at holiday time a grab bag of amusing trifles, and the girls in turn wrote her of the chapter life. Other girls have made favors for a german in rushing, dinner cards, dance programs, and various articles for the house or rooms, and sent them back to the busy college girls, who blessed them even if they nev-

er knew them. One chapter has made a practice of sending a circular letter once a year to all its alumnae. Another chapter makes the freshmen learn the list of all its initiates so that they may be on the alert for any news concerning them.

There can be nothing more satisfactory to all concerned than the return of a girl to visit her own chapter, providing they both "understand." Many a girl has gone back only to find college different, old familiar corners filled with heedless strangers, and the whole personnel of the chapter had changed, and to learn that new Thetas had filled her place capably and were doing her work with methods even better than those she had tried so hard to establish. If the chapter greets her with open arms, and the girls tell their fraternity troubles and secrets and even admit her to the midnight council, she feels ten years younger and forgets some of the cares of home or school. If the chapter greets her with cold courtesy, while a well trained freshman inquires politely if she wasn't in college with her mother, the visitor goes home with a heartache and writes to another "old" girl that the chapter is not what it used to be. Active girls, just think how you will feel some day to come back and find all new faces and new customs! Put yourself in the guest's place, and give her a royal welcome. Above all don't treat her as if she were seventy, but as if she were just like one of yourselves, a girl. The older the alumnae are, the more this will please them. No Theta was ever heard to complain of too cordial a welcome. It must be admitted that some of the older women meet the overtures of the active girls in a manner which would chill any inclination for intimacy. The alumna who does not answer an invitation to one party, and when she does accept the next one, wants to be waited upon as at a hotel, when the girls having about one-twentieth of her leisure have done all the cooking, will probably not receive many more. The alumna who comes to a rushing party and insists upon sitting in a

corner and talking only to Thetas, when she is asked to help rush, will never experience the pleasure of having a weary senior tell her she was the "standby" of the whole chapter, and that they never could have pledged the finest freshmen in college without her. She will probably never know that genuine thrill of having a little freshman snuggle close and say she decided to pledge Theta because she saw how splendid the older girls were.

The rushing season brings many difficulties, and not least among these is the liability of friction between the *alumnæ* and the active chapter over the pledging of new girls. An alumna ought to have fraternity spirit enough not to be hurt because some favorite of hers has not been pledged, no matter how sorry she may feel. It is a hard blow to see the girl one has watched over go to college only to receive no bid from Theta; but the alumna ought to be broad minded enough not to have her loyalty affected, and to remember that she, in her day, may have voted against somebody's else cherished friend. Every fraternity girl has the unpleasant experience of setting her heart upon pledging some particular girl, only to find that her friend does not appeal in the same way to others in the chapter. Another difficulty is felt when an alumna steps in after rushing is over and says, "Why did you let that fine girl go something else when I knew her so well?" This has occurred many times when perhaps no active girl knew the freshman in question, or had even heard of her, and when the alumna had not made the slightest effort that the girls should know her, but had taken things for granted. Girls out of college can do no better fraternity work than to bring strong Theta material to the knowledge of the chapter and thus help to mould the chapter's character.

The *alumnæ* chapters have long felt the need of a specific object towards which they could direct their energies. The last Convention has supplied this want in the establishment of the Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship Fund,

which ought to receive the hearty support of every alumna. It is compatible with our highest ideals and will do much to silence the unjust criticisms that we undervalue a high standard of scholarship. Many a Theta, miles from her chapter, is working to increase that fund in hopes that some day one of those girls whom she has so carefully watched may thereby be able to go abroad to study. This scholarship fund offers the opportunity for work to all Thetas, old and young, no matter where they may be situated.

Some alumnae living near where universities are being established, where local organizations are applying for charters, or where movements of fraternity interest are in progress are in a position to give valuable information, and they withhold it because they are ignorant of its need, or because they fear the Grand Council will not be interested or is already in possession of it. Often chapters are forced to vote at random through lack of knowledge which some of the alumnae could easily supply if they made the effort.

The sympathy and close touch between active and alumnae members brings as much pleasure as profit. The joy of being admitted and made one of a band of girls working towards a worthy ideal and to be felt an influence there is an inspiration. It is an open question which receives the most benefit, the young girls who lend enthusiasm, fun and vitality or the older women who give keen judgment born of experience coupled with mature thought. To the alumna who says that she has no time, however little, to give her fraternity, and that she has outgrown Theta interests, there can be but one reply. The fault lies wholly in herself. She shows she never did enough fraternity work to become imbued with its unselfish spirit or that she is not big enough to appreciate it. Theta ideals and standards which have stood the trial of years can never be outgrown, for they are broad enough to meet the demands of maturer life. As busy as Hamilton Wright Mabie is, he finds time to return to his mother chapter and become acquainted with each incoming

class, and keep accurately informed concerning his fraternity's interests. The alumnæ, looking the fraternity proposition squarely in the face, seeing its advantages stripped of its illusions and meeting its tests of loyalty are qualified to take an active part in improving the errors of the past and moulding the policy of the future. A body of strong women and girls, bound together by the same purposes and aims, if working in close union and intelligent harmony, can never remain a neutral body, but must perforce take a positive position for good.

GRACE W. LAVAYEA,
Iota Alumnæ.

THE ALUMNÆ CLUB AT MADISON

The Kappa Alpha Theta club at Madison, which had its beginning in informal meetings, held whenever occasion required, to discuss matters of interest to the active chapter, was organized two years ago into a club composed of the eleven alumnæ resident in the city.

Regular meetings are held once a month, the president and the treasurer being the only officers. The purpose of its dues, one dollar a year, is to create an alumnæ fund to be used to further the interests of the active chapter. Last year letters were written to all the alumnæ of Psi chapter asking them to contribute also to this fund.

The organization of the city alumnæ into such a club has proved to be a distinct advantage since it can keep in close touch with the active chapter and aid it promptly in many ways.

BROADER FIELDS OF WORK FOR ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

Some phases of the desire, now very prevalent among American women, to engage in the many sorts of hand-craft, such as furniture making, basketry, pottery, pyrography and many others, are very interesting to consider. There seems to be a new impulse to create, to do. The movement will possibly carry its devotees to extremes, but its influence is already being felt for good in many directions. It is giving a self-confidence to the average woman which will enable her to participate more intelligently in some of the broader interests of life about her.

It is with these broader interests that we college women especially should deal. The desire to do, if at all encouraged, is bound to grow until it includes something beyond working strictly for our own homes. It may take the form of independent careers; it may more often be in the form of philanthropy, for the latter is most easily, of any, combined with home duties. At any rate there is always something for the college bred woman to do, and is it not one of our Theta duties, to help in a body, as much as we can?

This question of how to be useful to society *as a Theta*, has recently come up before one alumnæ chapter, which is trying a simple solution of the problem this year, but whether the Q. E. D. will be written at the bottom of the first page, remains to be seen. The experiment is merely to give up the regular monthly spreads—a three hour Theta good time, and rather a continuation of active meetings—for an afternoon of sewing for a charitable organization. The money formerly spent for spreads is used to buy material, and fines for tardiness increase the funds. The good time goes on as before, and at the end of the meeting there is the satisfaction of seeing a set of neatly hemmed towels, instead of a pile of empty plates.

College Settlement work always affords an opening for

useful labor, but as so many girls are interested in that movement individually, there is less need for a chapter to undertake it. It would be admirable however if, say, one alumnae chapter were to take charge of a settlement branch, supplying not only the teachers, but residents as well. Such an arrangement would require sacrifice of much time, but might not cost more concentrated labor from each girl, than she now spends for her several charities.

But if all philanthropic movements fail, there is still one way in which alumnae chapters can and ought to work together. That is, to encourage an interest in all things pertaining to the Alma Mater. This is especially necessary for alumnae living in their university town. It is very easy after graduation to grow away from one's college, when other interests claim the attention; but the college as well as the home needs its grown-up daughters. It needs them at college receptions, at college lectures, and even at college ball games. It is the least we can do, to show our appreciation of its service to us, not to neglect it as we grow older. Moreover, to participate in college entertainments, is necessary in order to keep up an interest in the younger chapter's affairs. Nothing makes for a stronger active chapter, than the "family" back of it. The matter is coming up now before several chapters, of entertaining the wives of the faculty at small receptions, in order to make this friendliness between the college and the older and younger Thetas, more than a formal one. It seems the simplest and most pleasant way in which to foster a mutual interest in the life of the active chapter; and also to cement any friendly feeling among women of the same University, which may have existed so far, only in the fact that all were connected with the same institution.

So let us show that we are a living body, by being strong in ourselves first and then by working together toward some end which is not purely subjective. In a word, whether for charity or for a college or merely for social pleasure, let us do *something* and do it *hard*. As our poet has said:

"Assert thyself; rise up to thy full height,
And taste the joy that springs from labor."

HILDA LAURIER WEBER,
Epsilon Alumnae.

THE NORTHWEST THETAS

Our 1904 Catalogue shows in its geographic index a large number of Thetas scattered about the great Northwest. These addresses are constantly shifting and changing, Thetas are coming and going, with the comings and goings of husbands and fathers, whose business interests shift and change. The only organized alumnæ chapter on the Pacific Coast is Iota, in Los Angeles; there are the two active and some alumnæ organizations about San Francisco Bay; and it is natural that the next great coast city, Seattle, should become a nucleus. There are ten Thetas, widely scattered over the city, in various pursuits and occupations, and from various localities. For a year they have met monthly, from force of Theta attraction, and in spite of really great difficulties, for a cup of chocolate at a downtown hotel; the new year promises even closer meeting and greeting; and if any Journal reader can supplement the Catalogue or the addresses below by a Theta friend's address in or near about Seattle, she will be doing us ten a very real service.

Loyally,

MARION WHIPPLE GARRETTSON.

IN SEATTLE.

Miss Ida R. Black, Alpha, 521 16th Av. No.

Miss May Bellows, Tau, Lincoln Hotel.

Mrs. Pierre T. Frein (Blanche McLeod), Iota, 15th Av. N. E., University Heights.

Mrs. Earl A. Garrettson (Marion Whipple), Omega, 4548 14th Av. N. E., University Heights.

Mrs. Charles Y. Harris, Alpha Gamma, care Room 17, Dexter Horton Block.

Mrs. Paul C. Harper (Alice Dickinson), Iota, 651 Kin-near Place.

Miss Olga Mueller, Psi, care Seattle High School.

Mrs. Joseph A. Reed, Psi, 518 Federal Av.

Mrs. Ellsworth P. Story (Phoebe Mulligan), Delta, 360 39th Av. No.

Miss Margaret Taylor, Psi, 15th Av. N. E., University Heights.

THETA IN OREGON

Judging from the Kappa Alpha Theta Catalogue, the glories of the great Northwest have heretofore been little known to Theta.

The Willamette Valley is spreading literature far and wide and numbers who visited the Lewis & Clark Centennial now realize that in all Oregon no spot is more choice than that on "The Beautiful Willamette."

Albany, the county seat of Linn County, has her share of the good things of the valley. To it have come four of the seven Thetas now in Oregon. Miss Florence Alexander Roach, Alpha, vocal teacher in the college; Mrs. H. M. Crooks, nee Ruth Elliott, Epsilon, wife of the President of Albany College; Miss Elizabeth Whitcomb, Omicron, and Mrs. Cloe Funck Winn, Epsilon.

There is excellent material in Oregon for Theta. Already applications have been made to Kappa Kappa Gamma and to Delta Gamma from groups at Eugene, the State University.

The college and state are both growing rapidly. Theta, who prides herself on her conservatism, has entered the "Great West" with two most flourishing chapters in California. "The Greater Northwest" is worthy of notice from her Grand Council.

E.

NOTES FROM A CITY ALUMNÆ CHAPTER

Ten or fifteen years after girls have left college to go out into life and find their vocations, and college associations have given way to those of home and professional life, it is hardly to be expected that they can come together and blend as an harmonious organization again. Yet this is what is done in alumnæ chapters, and it proves that the fraternity spirit is lying dormant in all of us. Nothing else could have brought together such diverse elements as make up our Mu Alumnæ chapter, for we are a company of house-mothers, society women, teachers, business women and writers, representing seven different colleges and as many churches in our religious beliefs. But once we went to college and were Kappa Alpha Thetas. This is the one and only bond that unites us..

Our organization into an alumnæ chapter was due to a chance meeting between two Thetas in an elevator, each of whom had her Theta pin conspicuously displayed. There was the nucleus of a chapter of eight. We have now been organized for three years, and while the number of our members varies from year to year, our interest and enthusiasm has not abated. We meet every month at the homes of the different members. There is always a literary program followed by refreshments and a social half hour. Last year the program, previously carefully prepared by a work committee of three, included the following topics: "Are Fraternities a Benefit or Detriment in College Life?" "Why Do Not Women Graduates of Co-Educational Schools Send Their Daughters to Co-Educational Schools?" "Incidents of My Fraternity Life." "Some Girls I Knew in College." "Do College-Bred Women Make Successful House-Mothers?"

This year we are to confine our study to the colleges of the United States, their extent, growth, purposes.

For our mid-winter entertainment in February we have

planned a Pan-Hellenic luncheon to be given at the beautiful home of our president, Miss Louise Rust. The "Pan" consists only of Thetas and Kappa Kappa Gammas, who also have a flourishing *alumnæ* chapter here. We are to have as our guest of honor at this time, Mrs. Pattison, a Theta, and the wife of Ohio's new governor.

Among various subjects discussed in our meetings there was one regarding statistics. Who, what and where are all the *alumnæ* Thetas? Are there any among the women who in the last quarter of a century have distinguished themselves in public life, in art, literature, music, etc.? This question suggests possibilities of bringing to the light *alumnæ* Thetas whose achievements would cast distinction on our organization and increase our pride in and loyalty to it. Such a statistical report might be prepared by each chapter and published in installments in the Journal.

MARY SEFTON PEPPER,
Mu Alumnae.

MORE NEWS

I am the "voice of one crying in the wilderness," but my cry is not of a religious nature. It is no new one, however. It is as old as the first Kappa Alpha Theta who ever graduated and went out into the wide, wide world away from her beloved chapter. "More news!" is the cry, and it is from the heart.

O, dear, busy "active" girls, you can never know how it is till you try it. Go and live, for a year or two, in a town where there is no other Theta. Then see how feverishly you will seize the "Kappa Alpha Theta" when it comes. Your fingers will be "all thumbs" for clumsiness as you fumble for the "Personals" from your own chapter. When you find them, will you be disappointed? Will you perhaps find that all the personals relate to the class which has just graduated? Will they have forgotten all about the girls who represented Kappa Alpha Theta when you were in college? No, they will not have forgotten; but perhaps they will have been too busy with the rush of college life to scour about for news of far-away sisters. You will not blame them. Of course not; you know how it is yourself. Yet, you will be happier, when its day comes, to find a different sort of "personal" page. You will be happier if you find, among the "Personals," some items that go back as far as your day. You will correspond with a few of the girls, of course, but only a few, for busy people can't write too many letters. What of that sweet, womanly senior who inspired you with noble ideals when you were a freshman? Couldn't the Journal tell you what success she is meeting in her chosen career? There are many more you would know of. Why are they never mentioned?

For your own sakes, then, dear little younger sisters, set an example to the active chapters eight years hence, (such an example as I wish we had set you) and, incidentally, take pity on those of us who can know of the doings in the Theta world only through the pages of its magazine.

AN ALUMNA.

MERELY INCIDENTAL

Toward the middle of a warm July night, what the newspaper of a small provincial town would term, "a large bevy of femininity" emerged from the station at West Philadelphia and started to walk to the Normandie, but a short distance away. They were the delegates and visitors to the Convention and were returning from the installation of the Toronto chapter at Swarthmore. That sixth sense known as "the bump of direction" had been lost to the most of them whose customarily dependable stars were rising in the north, setting in the south-east, and otherwise running more or less erratic courses.

The streets of Philadelphia, partaking somewhat of the dignity and staidness of its old and honored name, run along in parallel lines, bisect each other neatly at right angles, and otherwise conduct themselves with due propriety. But, after crossing the river, whether they feel less the restraint of the City Fathers, or scent the fields and open country just beyond, they burst their mathematical bounds, and, radiating in all directions, seem to wander where fancy leads them. So wandered the aforesaid girls, too eagerly engaged in conversation to heed well the way. So wandered they until they brought up before a large building, certainly of buff brick, certainly an apartment hotel with a lighted portico and window-boxes of flowering plants, but, alas, on the wrong side of the street and with an alien name illuminated upon its front.

"Lost on the streets of a great city." Should they arouse the sleeping inhabitants and demand safe escort to their hotel, or should they unwind the proverbial ball of twine in an effort to discover the way for themselves? The deserted street gave no answer to this problem, but knowing that it is impossible to awake the sleeping Philadelphian, and, unlike the well-appointed castaway, having no twine, a third alternative of the corner drug store was the only one left

them. "Certainly, ladies," answered the obliging night clerk, "two squares to the left and three to the right. You're quite welcome."

With encouraging calls to each other and a few minutes brisk walking, the distance was quickly and safely passed and the well-lighted Normandie appeared. With glad hearts they rushed through its welcoming doors, and their perilous adventure was over.

Tea, and our stroll about the grounds of Swarthmore were over, when, hand in hand or with arms thrown across the shoulders of some dear sister, a stranger the day before, singing altogether the songs of Kappa Alpha Theta, we came down the broad walk in the late dusk to the little station at the foot of the campus to take the train back to town. We were a little early and there was some time to wait. A low fence with a board along the top, made a convenient resting place and was soon lined with girls who exchanged ideas and news with fast flying tongues. Here and there a group was formed to listen to some particularly interesting story or to learn the words of some new song. "Wasn't that good?" someone would exclaim; "Sing it again." And when it was sung again the call would arise for "something we all know." Then East and South, North and West, would join in some favorite song and chapterhood would be forgotten in the closer bonds of a universal sisterhood. The cooling night breeze came across the campus, freighted with all the minute sounds of darkness out-of-doors and with mysterious scents, mysterious because they came from "just beyond" which was to most of us unknown. It was a restful interlude in the rush of Convention sessions and social engagements, filled with laughter, song and merry chat, a stolen moment long to be remembered and broken only by the great unblinking eye of our train as it drew around the curve.

Convention was over and the great dining room presented a deserted appearance to a certain sleepy-eyed individual who wandered thither in search of breakfast. Any tinge of homesickness for "local color" that had threatened to spring up in me during the past four days had been allayed by a peep through the dining room doors and a sight of the deft and silent "cullud gemmen" who served therein. "Sam," I said, as one of them now held my chair for me, "bring me anything, just anything." "I'se powerful sorry, Miss," came the answer as he pushed in my chair, "but Ah can't he'p yo out none this mawnin' case Ah'se plumb beat," with a professional flourish of the napkin that no fatigue could subdue. "You ladies kep' all of us up so late lahst night with your banqwet an' speechifyin'," handing the card, "that none of us is right sma't this mawnin'." Then, reminiscently as he waited for my order, "This room ain't seen many such beautiful jubilations. It was shorely a great occasion."

And as he disappeared in the direction of the kitchen, he could still be heard murmuring to himself that it was "shorely a great *occasion*." He was right. It was.

A DELEGATE.

THE SELF-GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE AT BRYN MAWR FROM A THETA'S POINT OF VIEW

The ignorance of a freshman and the pride of a junior struggled within me as I stepped off the train at the Bryn Mawr station. The senior delegate bravely inquired at the ticket office the way to the college, while I stood guard over the suit cases. To prevent any appearance of "greenness," I suggested to my companion that we start off in an unconcerned manner as if we were perfectly familiar with our surroundings. We succeeded so well in our deception that the girls who were waiting to meet us, did not dare approach, and we spent a miserable fifteen minutes trying to find the college.

That trite expression about how small the world really is, forced itself upon me as I came out of my room for dinner that evening. In the room opposite mine, stood a Theta from Baltimore whom I had met in the summer at Silver Bay. We greeted each other rapturously. After dinner I looked up a Theta from Alpha Epsilon who is taking graduate work at Bryn Mawr, and placed myself under her protection.

The next morning, came the regular meeting of the Conference. It was most interesting and amusing to hear from the presidents of the college organizations the reports of the progress of student-government in their colleges. One organization allows no visitors on Sunday, and requires church or chapel attendance. At one college, no cuts in recitations are permitted; at another, recitation cuts are in no way restricted. Some limit the number of offices that a girl shall hold, and one, at least, allows no traveling upon Sunday. But all colleges seemed to have a strong faith in student rule and its prosperous future.

Before the afternoon meeting, I had been talking with a girl sometime, when I casually removed my coat. When she saw my pin, she grasped my hand saying, "Oh! are you a Kappa Alpha Theta? And we have been talking all this time, and I didn't know it!" She was from Cornell. My Alpha Epsilon graduate had already introduced me to a Cornell Theta who is at Bryn Mawr taking a graduate course, so our number had now increased to five. Before I left the meeting, I had met the sixth Theta at the Conference, a girl from Barnard. Some of us met quite frequently, and had several charming conversations over the tea cups, discussing fraternities in general, and Kappa Alpha Theta in particular. After such meetings, one feels more enthusiastic than ever about Theta.

B. L. S., Alpha Epsilon.

ALT HEIDELBERG

Although the worthies of the Neckar valley do not say, "Boys will be boys," they look indulgently upon the pranks and quirks of the Heidelberg students. For quirks they have, from the duelling scars and patches across eyes, nose and ears, to the necessary canes with which they support their Honorable Pomposities—not to forget the inevitable accompanying Dachshund, "a dog and a half long and half a dog high."

It was our good fortune, last July, to reach Heidelberg in time for the annual celebration held at the close of the summer semester, at which time the Saxo-Borussia, one of the German student Corps or fraternities, holds its reunion. In the morning, after being led through the wonderful old ruin by a most condescending guide, we repaired to an out-of-door *Biergarten* on one of the terraces overlooking the beautiful Neckar valley. Soon the Saxo-Borussias began to arrive; the active members wearing jaunty white Corps caps, dress suits, (the proper morning ceremonial garb on the Continent) and displaying green, white and black Corps ribbons across the breast. The greetings between the active members and the "old grads" reminded us with a twinge of a faraway Theta reunion. Fine, stalwart men they were, all of them, for Saxo-Borussia is reckoned one of the best student clubs in Germany, as evidenced by the enrollment of the German Crown Prince as one of its members. After an hour or so of drinking, chatting, and giving reminiscences, the company formed in line for the procession through the town. From one of the *Schone Aussichte*, so dear to the beauty-loving German heart, we had a splendid view of the procession as it wound down the hill, weaving in and out between the concealing patches of shrubbery and trees, like a giant ribbon. Six members in white duelling costume led the line, on horseback, followed by a colonial band and the long line of four-horse equipages. Here and

there a speck of red, yellow, or green indicated the cap of a visiting delegate from some other Corps. As they passed through the town, the lines from an old student song came to mind :

“Mädchen an den Fenstern stehen,
Und nach den Studenten sehen
Und wer will,
Der schaut hinauf!”

While our white cap friends were holding a second reunion at another old ruin near Heidelberg, we inspected the old Carcer, or University prison, the entrance into which is considered part of the college experience of every “good fellow.” It is a survival of a very old custom, the period of incarceration extends from two or three days to as many weeks, and the misdemeanors requisite for admission are such as too hilarious midnight window-smashing and the like. The walls are the autograph album of the place, and that artistic and poetic talent is freely displayed in caricature and doggerel of University life. Four students were whiling away the tedious hours with a game of cards, and looking up as we approached, greeted us cheerfully.

Early in the evening, scorning, tourist-like, the excellent bridge provided for crossing the Neckar, we were ferried over to the bank opposite the town and the castle. The bank was lined with spectators, waiting for nine o'clock and the illumination of the castle. The river was animated by a gay flotilla, the reflection of its Japanese lanterns dancing on the water. At nine, *punkt*, accompanied by the booming of cannon and the cheering of the crowd, the magnificent pile flamed into brilliant relief against the dark hill. Rockets continually shot up from the towers, busting in mid-air and starring the heavens. Gradually the splendid, rosy vision faded; one of the river boats, larger and more brilliantly lighted than the rest, separated from the crowd and, as the Saxo-Borussia monogram flashed against the bridge, the men on the river struck into their spirited Corps song.

And so the happy crew floated away with the dancing,
flickering lanterns, their care-free singing borne back ever
more faintly and sweetly over the quiet Neckar.

HELEN WILLOUGHBY UNDERWOOD,
Iota, '06.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, Birthday Greeting:

The new Grand Council of 1905-7 sends to each Theta, active and alumna, warm greeting and all good wishes. It is the sincere hope of the President that the next two years may bear out in policy and progress, the achievement of the last administration, whose four years of honor showed such loyal, well-rounded and broad-minded growth in its yearly accomplishment. To be worthy of this, the Council, new members and old, are trying vigorously to bring to bear punctuality and business-like methods, and they know that in this, each chapter will do her very best to advance her standard and therefore Kappa Alpha Theta's, to be ranked with the most trusted, to be conscientious in detail, from freshman to senior, that the entire action, in every department, may be smooth, concerted and vigorous.

Loyally and lovingly,

MARION WHIPPLE GARRETTSON.

Διαλεγόμεθα

A Chain Of Pictures

In common with other chapters Phi has felt the need of a more effective means of establishing acquaintance between her newer members and her alumnæ. We feel that, although we know the names of those who have gone before us, we know them only as names. Fraternity groups and pictures are too easily misplaced or discarded, and some scheme for making the alumnæ familiar to us is undoubtedly needed.

The idea of a chain of Theta photographs was hit upon as a means of keeping before us something of the personality of the old girls. This chain is to start with the charter members of the chapter and be added to each year by the outgoing seniors and undergraduates who leave the chapter. Letters were sent to all the alumnæ asking for photographs, either recent or those taken while in college, that would fit into frames of a certain size. We procured for a start fifty oval wood frames, three by two and one-half inches, with a dull black finish. These are linked together side by side, and any fitting of the pictures necessary is done with gold mats. Each girl's name is inscribed on the back of her frame. The chain we intend to hang upon the wall following the stairway.

The response from the alumnæ was a little slow at first, as few had pictures on hand, but as time goes on the pictures keep coming in. We hope with another appeal to round out the full number, and thereby learn to know our alumnæ so that when they appear at the chapter house door we can all greet them by name.

PHI.

"Talking Fraternity To Freshmen"

Of the hundred and one questions that perplex chapter life, there is one more than any other insistent and persistent in

demanding solution. What is meant by the phrase "talking fraternity to freshmen?" What is it, that by national rulings and by common consent we are bound to refrain from?

It is hardly likely that we would disclose fraternity secrets or have any such inclination. Nor is it probable that we would allow conversation with either a non-fraternity girl or a freshman to work around to a discussion of the respective merits, the character, reputation and standing of fraternity chapters. What then are we to understand by this by-phrase? Are we cautiously and constantly to avoid the mention of certain combinations of Greek letters? Shall we consider the advertisement for a Kappa Kappa Gamma emblem indiscreet should the description of the lost pin go beyond the mention of its shape and the kind of jewels in it? Is the fraternity girl guilty of a breach of faith, if by accident, a word is let slip in the presence of a freshman, concerning the pledging of an old girl?

Or if not that, perhaps the phrase refers to our relations with sub-freshmen. I can not imagine any occasion for discussion of fraternities in that case, unless the girl is herself a member of one of those preparatory school fraternities that are springing up all over the country and reaching as marvelous a growth over night as Jack's beanstalk. Her father may be a fraternity man, so also her brother and she considers herself as indisputably a "Greek."

Is the fraternity girl at college, by honor bound to taboo the very natural questions that may arise? What exactly shall she and shall she not feel warranted in saying? Let us have some definite idea of our own law. Or, must this too be disputed over and finally relegated to the shelf for dead letters?

MARY E. NORTH,

Alpha Beta.

The Long "Spike"

Is or is not a long rushing season satisfactory? This is probably one of the first questions to be answered with re-

gard to a "spike." There are two sides to this, that taken by the older girls and that by the new. Since the conclusion of our "spike" this has been one of the main topics of conversation. We, as older girls, are very much in favor of a longer period. This year, with a definite contract and a longer rushing season, we have certainly found everything more satisfactory. There were no more late fraternity meetings, there was no more strenuous rushing, and we were given a better chance to meet the girls in a natural way. Previously, through lack of time, it was almost impossible to have any personal rushing. This year we could have short walks and little quiet talks with the new girls. In many instances, mere acquaintances ripened into friendships.

The side the new girl takes is entirely different. She recognizes the good points in a long "spike" as the older girls do, but she also has a great deal of fault to find. When asked how they liked the long rushing season, nearly every girl replied, "It was too long and tiresome."

From these facts given, we can easily see that the fault lies with the older girls. The long "spike" will never be satisfactory as long as the fraternities persist in making so many little "dates," which are not necessary. The long rushing season can be made satisfactory and we believe the ideal way of rushing will soon be found, which will be satisfactory to everyone concerned.

MARY E. IBACH,
Alpha.

Chapter Meetings

We of Alpha Epsilon are trying a little plan in our chapter meetings this year, that once before we found successful, and, consequently, should like now to describe to our sister Thetas everywhere.

On the first Saturday of every month at six o'clock, we have a very simple and informal supper at Pembroke Hall. The different classes in the active chapter and various ones

of the *alumnæ* take turns in preparing the feast. We greatly appreciate this one definite meeting time with our *alumnæ*; it is a connecting link between these older girls and the undergraduates.

For the rest of the month, we meet Friday afternoons in our own chapter room on George street. The first of these Fridays, we call our regular business meeting. Then we try to settle all the matters of business that have arisen since our last such meeting or that are likely to arise before the next. The third meeting of the month we call a social one. The responsibility for entertainment at these meetings has been divided among the sophomores and freshmen. This entertainment is by no means elaborate; but we greatly enjoy these times when we can bring our sewing, if we wish, and hear some story read or some matter of interest told. Through these social meetings we hope to grow nearer to one another. The fourth, and ordinarily, the last meeting of the month is called educational, but it is no such formidable occasion as its name might imply. We do not study mathematics nor Greek, but we do try to discuss fraternity problems. Sometimes we begin the discussion with the reading of some article in our Journal. Sometimes we devote the afternoon to a consideration of our own narrower, though to us very important, chapter problems, but always, in this meeting, as in all meetings, we are trying to come more closely into touch with the true Theta ideals and the universal Theta spirit.

ALPHA EPSILON.

The Home Attitude Toward the Fraternity

The fraternity desires and should have the warm support and sympathy of outsiders. It is from the outsiders that the fraternity expects each year to select new members, and it is judged as much by its reputation as by the personal attractiveness of the members. It is the least outside of the

outsiders, our mothers, whose good opinion of the fraternity we especially wish to retain throughout our college course.

The fraternity never aims to supplant or interfere with home authority. Yet sometimes we hear from a mother that her daughter has changed, has been alienated from home influences after her initiation into a fraternity. The fault lies with the individual girls and not with the fraternity. The home is certainly the first consideration, and if a girl fails in her duty there after her initiation, it is very natural that her mother should blame the fraternity. There should be no duties imposed upon girls by the fraternity which conflict with any of the home influences, and each girl should talk freely to her mother of those many non-secret matters of the fraternity which are of interest to her not only because the mother is naturally anxious to hear of her daughter's college life, but also because she will soon lose any dread of the "secret organization" that she may have had.

The chapter should remember that there is no quicker way to arouse the antipathy of a mother than by using the fraternity house for such enjoyments as the mother would not as soon allow her at home.

Let us be careful not to alienate our mothers, for their ideals and training are the foundations upon which we are building.

An Evening With Tau

A good supper for sixteen hungry girls and only two to get it.

Picture my little freshman partner and myself carrying the "provisions" up those four weary flights of stairs—or is it five? Then we hurry to get the table set before the chapter meeting begins. But soon we hear, "I move to adjourn," and we hurry the veal loaf and scalloped potatoes into our small oven which sets upon a little two burner gas stove. Six or seven girls are around, finding out whether there is

"anything good to eat tonight." They all sit down and we begin to serve them. "There is only a little bit left and what if they should all want more?" fearfully asks the little freshman. But remembering other suppers I reply with calm indifference; "Well, they will have to do without, so it is no use worrying." Then she tentatively suggests that we make some coffee to help along—but there is no egg. "Who can make coffee without an egg?" "I can," says someone. We gave her the opportunity to prove it.

Such a hubbub at the table, talking, laughing as only girls can do. When all the desert is gone supper must end. But not for us; the dishes must be washed. Those sixteen were hungry and probably didn't get any too much to eat; still they bear no grudge and help us. Soon they are finished and we are dancing away an hour or so as happy as can be until suddenly we remember those lessons.

I'm glad I don't have to get supper next week though.

Fraternity Attitude Toward Non-fraternity People

The attitude of members of fraternities toward those who are not members of any Greek letter society is a subject which has many sides to it. It is one which should be considered often, however, though perhaps nothing new can be said of it. Yet we are prone to discuss it rather from the theoretical than the practical standpoint and with results which are not altogether satisfactory as the frequent recurrence of the subject indicates.

With this idea in mind two or three concrete suggestions may not come amiss.

One of our chief faults, small though it may seem, is to congregate in groups before classes, chapel or luncheon, to discuss our own interests and affairs. How much better it would be if we would exchange view points with those who are not members of a fraternity and treat them as we would be treated. Viewing the matter from their standpoint, would

we not be less clannish and reserved? Would we not refrain from putting fraternity business and fraternity good times continually before those who are not so fortunate as to have these absorbing interests? Of course there must always be different strata in society, and the mixing process is bound to be a slow one. But it is a mere matter of a little thoughtfulness on our part and means more than we can imagine to those others less fortunate.

Again, at class parties and functions it is the common sight to see the fraternity people and non-fraternity people in different groups. Without doubt on such occasions, it is for the fraternity people to make advances, to place the fraternity in the background and make the affairs pleasurable for every one rather than for a few.

But above all things these attentions to non-fraternity people should not savor of patronage, nor should they be prompted by pity. The insincerity in any extreme kindness will be detected, thus widening the chasm between the elements still further. Nor should such particular attentions be shown as would put a non-fraternity girl in a compromising position. Other fraternities will note and comment on such attentions if they be at all individualized. It is genuine heart politeness we want, healthy stirring altruism, based on breadth of view and sincerity of spirit, in other words, malice toward none and charity toward all.

In Memoriam

Gladys Russell Mallette

Alpha Epsilon

Died October 26, 1905.

Hortense Alford Baker

Alpha Gamma

June 14, 1884—December 6, 1905.

"THY WILL BE DONE"

For the first time in many years our Theta band has been broken; one we love has passed away. How can I express the sorrow, the heartache that is felt by every member of Alpha Gamma chapter and Epsilon Alumnæ, but most of all by those of us who were privileged to know her best!

Hortense Baker was born June 14th, 1884, in Columbus, Ohio. She attended the public schools of Columbus, graduating at an early age from high school. She then went to Ohio Wesleyan University to be prepared for Wells College. Unfortunately she was unable to finish even one year at Wells on account of illness.

Last year she attended O. S. U. where she became an earnest and active member of Alpha Gamma chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. She was an ardent scholar and always did excellent work in her classes. She had many friends both among professors and students.

Nine months ago sickness came upon her and though specialists were called in, and consultations held, the Great call had come and human aid availed not. On December 6th, at one o'clock, her spirit departed this earth and the following Saturday her earthly body was laid in its long resting place.

Hortense became a member of Broad street Methodist Episcopal church before she was six years old and she was always an active worker in the church. When her mother questioned her joining the church so young, she said, "Well, mama, you just have to love Jesus, and I love him." This simple faith characterized her whole life up to the very end.

What a trial to a young person's faith an illness of nine long months must be! And yet through it all our sister was ever patient, ever cheerful, and ever thoughtful of others. When flowers were sent to her, as they were nearly every day of her illness, she always thought of those who had none and wanted to share with them. And when the

last moments came she turned to the family and friends who surrounded her bed and in accents which failed, for she was nearly exhausted, she said, "I don't want to hurt you, nor you" (pointing to each in turn) "but it is so easy for me to die."

But ah! if I could only tell you how much Kappa Alpha Theta meant to Hortense. Theta love seemed to be forever on her mind. She loved the Lord's prayer as we Thetas sing it, and all during her illness she thought about it and repeated it time and again.

Many, many times she sent her love to her Theta sisters and she talked so much about Theta love that she instilled a love for Theta into her family. One day when she was only half conscious she kept saying over and over, "Theta love, Theta love." On Thanksgiving day when she knew her end was near she sent her love to all the Thetas and when told that the Thetas sent love to her, she said, "Oh! God bless them!"

The funeral services were opened by the Lord's prayer sung by six Thetas. The sermon (according to her special request) preached from the Lord's prayer and everything that was said centered about the thought, "Thy will be done."

So peaceful and contented was she to have her feet slip over the brink that it seemed as though "sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust" she was "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

"And then I think of one who in her youthful beauty died,
The fair, meek blossom that grew up and faded by my side.
In the cold moist earth we laid her, when the forest cast the
leaf,

And we wept that one so lovely should have a life so brief;
Yet not unmeet it was that one, like that young friend of ours,
So gentle and so beautiful, should perish with the flowers."

(Bryant)

ALICE R. MARSH,
Alpha Gamma.

EDITORIALS

Theta's Birthday With the spirit of the holidays in our hearts, it will seem most fitting to continue in the same joyous festal atmosphere, and celebrate in this, the first month of the new year, Kappa Alpha Theta's birthday. Measured by human standards she is in the prime of her years. Let us so love her, so loyally guard her and cherish her, that she may remain always in her prime! Since she draws each year from the fountain of perpetual youth what human limitations may she not defy!

The significance of Founder's day should be felt with a new force each year by every member of the fraternity. Kappa Alpha Theta means little or much to us in proportion to the little or much we put into it. Circumstances may prevent us from putting all of ourselves we would in to it, yet every Theta, however engrossed in other duties, cannot but realize the great possibilities of our organization, cannot but feel the glow of pride in membership in it, cannot withhold honor and reverence to the principles and ideals for which the fraternity stands. Let us each then, active and alumna, pause a moment to realize what we owe to those four women who placed these high ideals before us. Let us be glad that they placed them so high that we can never cease striving in order to attain them.

As active and alumnæ chapters meet together to pay tribute to Kappa Alpha Theta and her Founders, let there be stronger than ever before this sense of a mutual bond. There is necessarily wide difference of interest between the older and younger women, yet all, as they wear our colors under the pin on that day, can join in expressing in some way the deep inner love and loyalty for the fraternity, since the name and the organization represent those things in life to which we must grant both love and loyalty if we would develop the best in us.

That so many others over the breadth, and length too,

of our land are, on the same day filled with the same spirit, is an inspiring thought. In the inspiration of such a thought let there go forth from each heart a resolve to build up in our midst the highest womanhood, each individual character contributing its strength and symmetry to form a harmonious whole.

Our Alumnae Our greatest gratitude is extended to the four who established the fraternity, yet appreciation should also be expressed to those alumnae of each chapter who have worked so loyally for the fraternity and brought it to its present strength. In this number of the Journal we have devoted many of its pages to these alumnae, in the effort to help solve their problems and to help active and alumnae members view the fraternity matters through each other's eyes.

The Historical Number In place of the usual issue for March will be substituted the Historical number. Will each active chapter editor notice the requirements for that. In place of the usual chapter letter, send a history of the chapter, covering the circumstances of its establishment, any notable features by which its life may differ materially from other chapters, and a mention of noteworthy honors that have come to the chapter as a whole, or to any of its members. It will be necessary to study the card catalogue of members for statistical items and to appeal to the alumnae of early and late years for the complete records. Please start to work on this immediately. Prepare it with great care and thoroughness and submit it to your chapter and to several alumnae for further suggestions as to form and material. For this issue it will be necessary that all material reach the editor's desk by February first.

Gamma Phi Beta In the recent convention in Minneapolis, Gamma Phi Beta reconsidered her motion to withdraw from the Inter-Sorority Conference, on rushing agreements, so she again takes her place in the Conference on the same basis as the other sororities.

Two Incidents A few weeks ago the editor received a letter regarding exchanges, written on the official stationery of another fraternity, yet signed "Yours in Theta." After a moment's puzzling it was discovered that a Theta was acting as temporary deputy for a sister-in-law who is a Greek letter editor. Another incident, typical of the inter-fraternity courtesy now common between the fraternities is worth relating. The editors of the CRESCENT of Gamma Phi Beta and the KAPPA ALPHA THETA met recently for a social chat and a "shop-talk." A suggestion for a detail which promotes good business methods, which had been first suggested by a Theta editor to the Gamma Phi editor, was then kindly passed on to the present Theta editor.

Are we not all glad that in larger matters as well as in such minor details that the fraternities have the spirit of good feeling and of mutual helpfulness? Since all fraternities are organized for the same purpose and all are working toward the same ideals, though the symbolic words expressing these aims may vary slightly, let us remember that our help, sympathy and friendship may be extended to others than our sisters in Theta.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Work and play combine to keep Iota so busy that it is only when we see the leather-bound books, gay calendars and other Christmas paraphernalia in the shop-windows that we realize that the holidays are only three weeks away. The class of 1909 has been fêted by the fraternities, the Juniors and the Sophomores. Underclass spirit is kept at the bubbling point by a lively exchange of courtesies. Dolly Madison, Uncle Sam and Lady Babbie, irrespective of class or clique, hobnobbed at the Hallowe'en Masquerade, and basket ball and dramatic activities are beginning. Miss Loomis, our new warden, has found her way straight to the hearts of the girls and proves a shining example of the right woman in the right place. The local Women's Student Government Association is taking steps to extend its rights and privileges to women non-resident in Sage, in the hopes of making closer the bond between all Cornell women. At the recent Women's Student Government Association Conference, held at Bryn Mawr, Iota was represented by Edna Mertz, '08, who, as the Cornell delegate, accompanied the President of our Executive Committee. Miss Mertz has brought back tales of Bryn Mawr fun and hospitality, and of the delightful discovery of several other Thetas. Furthermore, since the Bryn Mawr trip, we have been mousing about Sage halls at night, cowed by a severe proctorial regime and are frequently awakened in the gray dawn by the clamor of the mock fire gong, forced to leave our warm coverlets and to prance about on the frosty fire escapes.

The chapter does not feel quite deserted by 1905, since Carolyn Crossett made us a pleasant little visit early in October. Adeline Kiep is spending Thanksgiving with us, and Elizabeth Nichols and Josephine Andrews are within hailing distance.

The four weeks' rushing season is now a confused memory of spreads innumerable, seasoned to taste with black and gold favors, but the work and weariness were forgotten at the reaping of the harvest. On Thanksgiving night, Iota initiated six freshmen: Christine Schermerhorn Avery, West Taghkanic, N. Y.; Sara M. Bailey, Ithaca, N. Y.; Queenie Northrop Horton, Brewster, N. Y.; Julia W. McCormick, Ithaca, N. Y.; Mary Reynolds Preston, Armenia, N. Y., and Margaret Van Duesen, Ithaca, N. Y. The beautiful service left us all "with hearts pledged to Theta anew," and our banquet board was gladdened by the presence of our town alumnae, Mrs. A. W. Smith (a new but already cherished alumna); Adeline Kiep, '05; Josephine Andrews, '05; Helen L. McFarland, '08, and by flowers and messages from far away Iota girls.

To Kappa Alpha Theta, collectively and individually, Iota wishes a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HELEN WILLOUGHBY UNDERWOOD.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

By the time this letter goes to press Lambda hopes to have pledged a goodly number of new girls. The sixth of December is pledge day, according to the rules of our Pan-Hellenic, and just now there is an air of anxious expectancy floating over everything. The great trouble this year, is that the incoming class has such a large number of splendid girls that it is hard to choose.

We have, according to our custom, done very little rushing. Wednesday, November the eighth, we were invited to the home of Miss Harmon, ex. '07, in Shelburne, and were asked to bring some Freshmen with us. When we reached

Shelburne station we found everything in readiness for a straw ride to Miss Harmon's home. After a bountiful supper we spent the evening in singing songs, telling fortunes and in various other sports.

Lambda gave her annual tea to the Freshmen Monday, October the twenty-third, at the home of Mary Murphy. Directly following that, Helen Barker gave a very delightful party at her home. Our reception to the Freshmen and to our own alumnæ was held at the home of Florence Votey.

During the last month the Vermont men and women have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Kenneth MacArthur, a Harvard man, who is traveling secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Vermont Alpha of Phi Delta Theta entertained the biennial Convention of Alpha District here this year. Among the pleasant social functions occasioned by this gathering of Phi's were a theatre party and a dance. Many of our girls attended and enjoyed two very pleasant evenings.

Lambda wishes her dear Theta sisters from east to west, and especially the new chapter of Toronto, a very "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

MARY A. MURPHY.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

Since reading the November Journal, Sigma chapter feels more than ever the hearty cordiality with which all the chapters have expressed their good wishes for their new Canadian sisters. Theta has shown her broad-minded spirit in extending her influence into an adjoining country as large as her own, but in which she is the pioneer of women's fraternities.

Our seven girls who were fortunate enough to be initiated at Convention were so anxious to receive the other members of local Delta Theta into the bonds of Theta sisterhood that they could hardly wait for the eventful night. The initiation

was held in an attic room at the home of one of the girls, and we tried to make the ceremony as like our own initiation at Swarthmore as possible. Of course we could not have the same large building and impressive number of girls, but we attempted to reproduce the spirit of the occasion in all its beauty and solemnity. Mrs. Lalor, of Omega, was with us, and gave many timely hints to help us in our first experience of initiating. After the ceremony we gathered around a pretty supper table decorated with the best of all colors (it is needless to mention what they were), and the evening ended merrily with a few Theta songs. The initiates were Evelyn Ward, '05; Lee Edward, '06; Maud Menten, '07; Edith Vander Smitten, '07; Berta Bastedo, '07.

Our inter-sorority rules name the second Monday in December for asking-day, so we still have a week of impatient waiting. The rushing has not been very strenuous, but we are making efforts to select only those who would make the best Thetas and the best college girls.

Toronto University rugby team has just concluded a most successful season. They won the intercollegiate championship, in which Queen's, McGill and Ottawa College were entered, and then played off with the Rough Riders from Ottawa for the Canadian championship. The game was one of the most exciting ever witnessed here and the crowds yelled themselves hoarse. The 48th Highlanders' Band led a procession of over one thousand students from the University campus to the football grounds, and also led the students in their songs. When the game was over and 'Varsity had won by two points, Toronto felt prouder than ever of her university and we of our Alma Mater.

The University Athletic Association is to give its annual dance, commonly known as "The Rugby," next Wednesday evening, and we are looking forward to meeting personally the heroes of the Dominion championship team then.

Amid all these distracting influences, work goes on as usual; essays have to be written and lectures attended. But

we find the work lightened now, since we know we are striving for love of Theta and to do her honor.

In closing, Sigma chapter wishes every chapter in Kappa Alpha Theta all happiness and prosperity in 1906.

MABEL E. STEELE.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The happiest event of our chapter life since our last letter was the entrance of our freshmen into our sisterhood. Pledge day, always a rapturous and exciting time, was not less so this year, when we could announce as our pledglings, Helen Wombaugh, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Amy Quackenbush, Herkimer, N. Y.; Lois Frazee, Olean, N. Y.; Carrie Fraser, Hilton, N. Y.; Elsie Carter, Avon, N. Y.; Eloise Andrews, Cazenovia, N. Y.; Marion Chappell, Bricea and Helen Wright, Syracuse, N. Y. "Aren't we proud of our freshmen!" "Won't they be splendid Thetas!" were the exclamations heard on all sides.

But our initiation service seemed to have an added beauty and solemnity that brought to us again the deep significance of the real meaning of Kappa Alpha Theta. The banquet held the following evening, November 1, at the Vanderbilt Hotel, was a delightful ending to our rushing, pledging and initiation. The toast list was based on the Knights of the Round Table, in Tennyson's "Idylls of the King." As we listened to

"The Coming of Theta,"

"The Three Queens,"

"The Loving Cup,"

"The Passing of the Senior,"

"The Return of the Alumnae,"

every girl felt proud, indeed, to wear the emblem of the mystic "Round Table."

During the winter, "Macbeth" is expected to be given by the students, with Prof. and Mrs. Losey, of the Department of Oratory, in the leading roles. Two years ago, "King

Lear" was presented by the students under the direction of Prof. Losey, who took the part of Lear. It was considered one of the most successful amateur productions ever given, and we are expecting splendid results this year.

The wives of the faculty have introduced the custom of giving informal receptions to the students on the first Wednesday of every month, from three to five. The faculty, their wives, and the students meet in a social way, which is tending to break down barriers often existing in a large university.

BEULAH B. THROOP.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Alpha Beta sends greetings to all her sisters in and *ex collegio*.

By this time we have gotten far along in the year's work and play. We have hurried through the interesting things, worried away at the dull ones and finally struck off the mid-semester trial balances. Our football season has come and gone, leaving us very exultant, for the tally shows but one defeat, and that by Pennsylvania, while to cancel it there is a winning with a good margin over the Navy, Lafayette, Wesleyan and Cornell. We have listened to lectures and concerts, chief among the latter, one by the Kneisel Quartette.

We have done everything, in fact, but "rush." Our dictum, when college commenced, was for non-rushing, but to be limited by no trivial, trouble-brewing rules. Consequently our relations with the freshmen have been largely a matter of individual judgment, and despite the contrary predictions of the other Pan-Hellenic representatives, we have been able to form a natural acquaintance with the new girls, sane and satisfactory to ourselves, heartily commendable to the Dean. This we feel to be a matter for general thankfulness.

Not until the last Journal issue can we tell you the results of our pledge day. Meanwhile let us congratulate you on

your success. May each and every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta receive the "best wishes" we are sending.

MARY E. NORTH.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

After an enjoyable rushing season, and a most successful one for Alpha Delta, we pledged six girls. As an expression of our happiness we took them to a little Scotch tea room out in the suburbs, where we had a jolly luncheon.

Since then we have had initiation and now proudly, and with good reason for pride, introduce to their Theta sisters Anna Skinner, of Princeton, Ill.; Lucy Yancy, of Atlanta, Ga.; Marguerite Cunningham, of Milwaukee; Mary Ward and Katherine Lindsay, of Baltimore, and Edna White, of Mooers, N. Y.

We had with us at initiation many of Alpha Delta's old girls and Mrs. Marden, a Swarthmore Theta. After initiation we had a most enjoyable banquet at the home of Ethel Elmer, '04.

Now that we've told our most important news, we must tell something of our college life. One of the most interesting events of the year took place the last week in October, when the Senior class presented the "Midsummer Night's Dream." On the evening of November 3rd, the college entertained at a reception, the Y. W. C. A. convention, which was being held in Baltimore. It will be of interest to all our chapters to know that we have adopted self-government in our college, and that it was brought about mainly through the efforts of Mary Adams, of Alpha Delta. She is now president of the organization, and as president attended the self-government conference held in November at Bryn Mawr College. There she was glad to find as delegates Thetas from other colleges, and enjoyed seeing them even for such a short time.

Thanksgiving season is now here, and before we write again Christmas will have come and gone. And so we

want to take this opportunity to send our Christmas greetings, and our best wishes for a happy and prosperous year to all Thetas.

CHRISTIE Y. DULANEY.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

It seems hardly possible that one of our college terms has so nearly gone, but so it has. During this term Alpha Epsilon has had many experiences, some sad, some happy, some unusual ones. One of our number, a freshman of last year and the president of her class, a girl much loved by all of us, died in October. The stork has brought a new happiness to two of our older Theta sisters, and we are all rejoicing in our first Theta girl-baby. Of course, our initiation was a grand new inspiration and joy to us all, and we appreciate and love the service the more in the realization that it is now the same in all Theta chapters. At our banquet afterwards, we found a grand abundance of goodies, both to eat and listen to. We heard from every class that had been in Brown since Theta has, and that is since February of 1897.

On October 25, however, occurred one event of great moment to us all, both as Thetas and as Brown women. Our new dean, Miss Lida Shaw King, was inaugurated with all due and impressive ceremony. The afternoon was as glorious a one as bountiful October could give, the many flowers and potted plants gave a most festive look to our assembly-hall, while the limited number of invitations kept away an uncomfortable crowd. The presidents of all the college organizations among the women ushered, garbed in the usual cap and gown, and everyone was happy and expectant. President Faunce introduced the speakers of the afternoon, who were our new dean herself, Professor Perry, of Columbia University, Professor Manatt, of Brown University, and Miss Wooley, the president of Mount Holyoke College. Miss Wooley was one of the first women to gradu-

ate from Brown, and as such, as well as for herself, we of Brown glory in her greatness.

Now examinations are close upon us, and soon after Thanksgiving we shall have to buckle down in earnest, and show the best of the college that Thetas can work as well as play.

HOPE DAVIS.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

"Two months of college actually passed and time for the second Journal contribution," I exclaimed, when I discovered that the first of December was approaching and that Alpha Zeta must be speeding her little budget of news! Yes, within a month we shall have the opportunity of knowing how each individual chapter is applying in practical life all the suggestions and inspiration of Convention.

Alpha Zeta's interests this fall have been of varying nature. At present, both our *alumnæ* and active chapter are deeply engrossed in dramatics. In the annual *alumnæ* play two of our girls have the hero's and heroine's roles, and several others hold subordinate parts. Our juniors also are busy rehearsing for their "show" which takes place before the Christmas holidays. Therefore, for the time being, animated discussions of various dramatic abilities form our chief topic of conversation.

The social relations in the chapter this year have been of the happiest and most congenial nature. It has not been deemed expedient to take a fraternity apartment, as most of our girls are resident here in New York and are delighted in being privileged to entertain the chapter at its gatherings. In consequence we have enjoyed many phases of hospitality and are unanimous in approbation of the success of our plan. On one occasion Alpha Zeta had the great pleasure of welcoming Miss Wolff, Miss Sullivan, Miss Eastwick, Miss Booth, Miss McCain and Mrs. Turner, of Alpha Beta. We certainly had a most delightful revival of

Convention days and were heart broken that the girls' visit in New York was so brief. Another very charming social event for our active chapter and alumnæ was a tea given by Mrs. Beard, of Alpha, for her sister, Miss Ruter, who is also an alumnæ of Alpha chapter.

Our most interesting item of college news is in regard to the Barnard dormitory. Now, in addition to other schemes, the plan for a memorial dormitory is being agitated. Last fall Barnard lost, through a terrible illness, a much beloved member of her faculty. The college thinks that a dormitory, built to his memory would be a most appropriate tribute.

We are bound this year by very rigid and restrictive Pan-Hellenic rules. Pledge day has been set for the first Monday in April, and rushing parties have been much limited in number of fraternities. However, Alpha Zeta is still working and hoping for an earlier asking day next year.

That this year may be a most successful one in all respects for all chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, is Alpha Zeta's earnest wish.

MURIEL VALENTINE.

Beta District

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

One term of college life is nearly gone and examinations are drawing near. The fact that we have been studying is taken for granted, so the "happenings" in the college and fraternity world will probably be of the greatest interest. Uppermost in our minds is the story of our pledging and initiation.

Our final function before pledge day was given October 13th. The new girls were invited to a six o'clock dinner, after which appropriate toasts were given. Men were invited for later in the evening. For entertainment verses, illustrated by shadow pantomime, were read. The verses

gave all of the interesting features in the life of a college girl from the time of her entrance to graduation.

On October 18th, after a long but successful rushing season, Alpha pledged fourteen girls. According to the old custom, on the following Friday, we entertained all of the fraternities at different hours. In this way, each new girl was given a better chance to meet all fraternity people. Initiation was November 4th, and we now present the names of the following girls as our sisters in Theta: Ella Shaw, Lawrenceburg, Indiana; Ethel Spade, Portland, Indiana; Gertrude Taylor, Humbolt, Illinois; Gertrude Hopping, Indianapolis, Indiana; Elizabeth Bohn, Centralia, Illinois; Eleanor Lemon, Indianapolis, Indiana; Helen Reckert, Terre Haute, Indiana; Idabelle Ford, Kokomo, Indiana; Emma Murray, Cicero, Indiana; Ailsie Mikels, Newcastle, Indiana; Mildred Allen, Bernice Allen, Julia Preston and Ruth Post, of Greencastle, Indiana.

The lecture and concert course of the college has been fairly good so far. For the third number, given Nov. 17th, the Rogers Grilley Company gave one of the best entertainments given this season. The two artists constituted a very good team. Mr. Van Veachtou Rogers' selections on the harp were rendered in a superb manner. The elocutionary productions of Mr. Charles T. Grilley, most of which were impersonations, were received with a great deal of applause.

Debating is one of the main features in De Pauw this term. Great interest is being shown by everyone. Each class has had their debate and the team has been chosen. The winner from each class will now debate and the winning man will receive the money which is offered by an alumnus for this purpose. It is an inducement for all and will make the final debating teams strong.

May each Theta have a joyous home-coming and a prosperous New Year.

MARY E. IBACH.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

This term has been a very busy one for us, filled with the usual round of study, football games, dramatics and social events. We held our initiation on Oct. 9th, and two of our alumnæ, Ruth Milliken and Almana Beebe visited us at that time. After the rush and initiation, the thing that has interested us most, is our new home. Of course, we have been proud of it all the while, but we have never appreciated it as we do now. The loyalty and interest, too, which the alumnæ of Beta chapter have shown in helping us to furnish it is certainly an inspiration to the active chapter.

Just now, we are congratulating ourselves on the splendid success of our football eleven and consider ourselves morally the state champions, even though we cannot flaunt the much-sought-for banner. The basket ball season, in which we will have a more active part, has just opened and we have had one evening devoted to dramatics, under the direction of the Oratorical Association.

On November 27th, we spent a most enjoyable evening with our alumnæ. Miss Louise Goodbody entertained the active chapter and the alumnæ at her home. Miss Pearson, our District President, was with us and we talked over various fraternity problems with benefit and pleasure.

We of Beta are looking forward with much enthusiasm to the Birthday Banquet to be held at Indianapolis, January 27th, and are making plans to attend. This is looked upon as a second Convention, and holds a double attraction for those who missed the one at Philadelphia.

We wish for Theta a New Year of greatest growth and broadest influence and send greetings to all her chapter.

MAYME SWINDLER.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Although the trees have shed their autumn leaves, and the coming of the snow brings also the end of the term, yet we

are doubly glad because we can at last divulge our secrets; but we are sorely tempted to keep the best news until the last. However, we are so proud of our three freshmen that we will pass by temptation and announce their names immediately: Evelyn Lucas, Wooster, Ohio; Molly Remy, Mansfield, Ohio, and Clara Elizabeth West, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

The saying is, "Trouble never comes singly," but I believe blessings come in crowds, too, for Wooster has a very bright future.

Mr. H. C. Frick, of Pittsburg, has promised to build for us a new library, or rather make the old one just twice as large as it is now. Then, too, before another year passes, a new dormitory for the girls will be built, so you see we have a right to be proud of Wooster.

But we will not tell you any more secrets now, for fear you may think us egotistical.

MARGARET MASON POMEROY.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

On the fourth of November, Eta chapter initiated Mary Jane Haskin and Jean Goudie. Not so many of our alumnae came back as usual, and we hope for more of them next year. At the banquet, Helen Post was the toastmistress and Ruth Manville, Leona Belser, Esther Harmon, Myra Cady, Mary Haskin, and Mrs. Brewster, who is one of our ladies, responded to toasts. Mrs. Craig sang most delightfully and was of great assistance in making the fraternity songs, which we sang after every toast, successful and spirited.

The active chapter is planning a reunion of all the "old girls" to be held in Ann Arbor next June. She will reach each of them by letter as soon as possible and we hope that they will make their plans so that it will be possible to come, for every one that stays away will make it that much less complete for the rest. Charlotte Walker is much interested and will help us to manage it, and we shall be very glad to

hear from all Eta chapter girls who have recently changed their address.

Just now, Michigan is rather sensitive on the subject of football but the unvarying and creditable victories which have been ours up to the last game, have kept our loyalty glowing for so long that even the loss of the championship cannot cool it. A number of the girls came back for the Wisconsin game and fraternity as well as university spirit ran high.

Now that the season of greatest out-door interest is past, we have planned to be all together one afternoon each week at five o'clock tea and one evening for an hour's singing immediately after dinner. We have found this a very satisfactory way to keep thoroughly in touch with each other, and especially with those who do not live in the house. We should like very much to know how the other chapters accomplish this. Let us hear from some of you.

JESSIE OBETZ, '08.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

The very first thing I want to introduce four new Thetas—Florence and Harriette Phillips, of Youngstown, Ohio; Mary Sansome, of Clarion, Pa., and Leonore Lytle, of Warren, Pa. Of course to us our initiates seem the dearest and most original, and we feel more than delighted over the results of rushing season. We are indebted to them for a unique contest they gave for us. We announced that on the following Saturday the freshmen would be called upon to amuse the upper classes, since we had labored to entertain them for the past seven weeks. During the ensuing week no hint was given of the nature of our evening's fun, and we were all expectancy. Little programs ornamented with black cats and bearing titles of various songs, were finally presented. But the most favored number was the "Kittie Band"—composed of a fife, a drum, a mouth organ and a

horn. Selections were rendered in a fashion to have drawn burning tears from a Rossi.

The new and well equipped gymnasium for girls was opened on November 28, with a formal reception. Mrs. Cockran, of Pittsburg, who made the building possible, was here for the occasion. Our Thanksgiving party—an annual college function, was also given in the gymnasium. It marked the initial appearance of another innovation, though along a different line—"The Girls' Glee Club."

Allegheny has had a very flourishing musical organization among the men, but the girls have never been successful in such an undertaking. The present club seems to be a sturdy plant, capable of remaining upright in spite of unfavorable gales. It may be of interest to know that two Thetas organized the club and set it in motion. Of the sixteen members, eight besides the manager, are Kappa Alpha Thetas. In our own chapter is a guitar, violin and mandolin club of no small note.

Football season is over, and the bleak days announce winter's approach. The spell of college is over each heart, and although we wait anxiously for Christmas vacation, we will as eagerly return to the work and play so congenial to us. It will be a new year before we can read our "Journals" again—and how we do look forward to the day they arrive! It is like the warm pressure of friendly hands, and the quick throb of loving hearts to learn of the interests of sister chapters or to feel the inspiration of our common aims and ambitions.

So—a Happy New Year to Thetas everywhere! May 1906 be to you the fulfillment of all things good!

AMY V. COURTENAY.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE

On November 23rd, five bright links were joyfully added to our Theta chain when we initiated Ethel Anthony, Sturgis; Josephine Cooper, Kenosha, Wis.; Ella Meinke, De-

troit; Ethel Cole, Morencie, and Emma Holbrook, Chicago. After an unusually strenuous rushing season we feel that our efforts have been crowned with the anticipated success, particularly since our pledglings have assumed the role of true Thetas with great enthusiasm and earnestness. The alumnae, who were present at the initiation, join with us in their appreciation of the new ritual, which proved to be very satisfactory.

We are looking forward to a large party which the five initiates are planning to give to the old girls.

A short time ago, Dr. William Quale, of Chicago, delivered his lecture on Goethe's "Faust," and created great consternation among our German professors by stating that Goethe could not have created such a devil had he not been one himself. Loyal to their countryman, they would not countenance a denouncement of Goethe's character. In spite of the difference of opinion prevalent, the lecture benefited the students greatly.

Our students enjoyed an annual country fair, which was held in the gymnasium last Saturday night. The building was brilliant with gay booths and gayer lads and lasses in the most ridiculous attire. This event, which takes place through the agency of the Y. W. C. A., is not only a means of financial gain, but it also incites in the students, freshman, senior, fraternity, and non-fraternity, a feeling of genial good-will toward each other, such as no formal function ever could.

Our chapter plans to entertain the Pan-Hellenic Association at an informal evening very soon.

Christmas will soon be here, and Pi intends to have a Christmas tree, in the hope that Santa will leave a good supply of gifts for our lodge.

Heartiest Christmas and New Year's greetings to all the dear Thetas.

RUTH L. HALLER.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter we have had our initiation, when we added four new members, three who were named in our last Journal, and Edith Wilson, more recently pledged.

We had issued invitations for our annual reception for the new Thetas for December 6th, but on account of the very severe illness of Hortense Baker, one of last year's initiates, they have been recalled. Hortense has been ill for nine months, and how we have missed her from our loving circle! Hopes for her recovery are very slight.

The Girls' Glee Club is practicing now for the concert which will be given in March. The club is larger this year than it has been any previous year, and we are hoping that the concert will be even more of a success than it has ever been.

The dramatic club of the university, "The Strollers," of which Mignon Poste is president, will soon begin rehearsing for another play.

The first class dance of the year is the Junior informal, which will be given on Friday evening, December 8th. This will be the only class dance this term.

Not until this year have the girls of the university had a room that was really worth taking care of. But recently "the powers that be" have changed what has been known for years in college as the "gab room" into a very pretty rest room for the girls. This much needed change has been greatly appreciated and much pride is taken in the care given it.

Let us hope that the new year may bring us as much joy and be filled with as much cause for gratitude as the one which is now ending.

EUGENIA ROUNSAVELL.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Today closes Alpha Eta's rushing season, which has been as successful as we could have hoped. There are unusually

few girls at Vanderbilt this year, but we have three of the very best pledged to us: Nannie More and Clara Smith, of Mackenzie, Tenn., and Annie Mason, of Louisiana.

The chapter has given some very successful entertainments during the last few weeks. One of the most enjoyable was a Hallowe'en affair, given at our chapter room. Jack o' lanterns were the only lights, and the room was decorated with autumn leaves. Fortunes were told in various ways, and one of our jolly spreads concluded the evening's pleasure.

In October also, while the weather was still warm and the red and gold autumn leaves were still glorifying the hills, we went nutting to Craggie Hope, a summer resort about twenty-five miles away.

A luncheon, given by one of our girls last week, was greatly enjoyed by the chapter, and several of our new girls.

These last two months have meant much to Alpha Eta. Our chapter is small, as only eight of our girls are in college this year. As there are so few of us, each one feels her responsibility the more keenly, and we eight girls have drawn very close together. So upon the whole we are very glad that pledge day came so late, for we think that these two months have done much to strengthen the chapter, and that we can do much more for our new girls.

Thanksgiving has also closed a very successful football season for Vanderbilt, over which everyone is very enthusiastic. But we must now show equal enthusiasm and exercise all our determination in doing some good, hard work during these few weeks before Christmas, after which come the much dreaded "Intermediates." May the result be as happy as that of the last two months. KATIE GUILL.

Delta District

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The number of girls who came to Champaign for the Delta chapter reunion at the end of installation week was even greater than we had dared hope. Some came early in the week and stayed through, but those who were teaching could not get here until Friday night. They were, however, all here in time to get at least a glimpse of our new pledges, before the initiation on Saturday night, October 21. At that time we initiated seven girls, whom we are inclined to think are as fine as any of the new girls in college. They are Ruth Hyndman, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Emma Ody Pohl, of Greenville, Miss.; Emma Bullard and Lucilla Fellenwider, of Mechanicsburg, Ill.; Mary Ewbank, of Farmer City; Alta Swigart and Ida Mattis, of Champaign. Leonora Lucas, of Urbana, was pledged, but has not yet been initiated.

The initiation banquet was the largest one we have ever had, fifty-six Thetas being present. For the first time, also, we were able to accommodate all in our dining room, which made us realize more than ever the joy of having a new house. Florence Pitts officiated at the banquet as toastmistress, and very appropriately introduced each speaker. The latter part of the program was taken up with the responses by the initiates, which were most interesting to all of us.

Some of our girls have had a chance to attend more than one initiation this fall. This came about through the kindness of Tau chapter, for Tau invited as many of the Delta Thetas as could, to be present at its initiation and banquet. It was possible for several to accept, for it occurred on the same date as the Chicago-Illinois football game. Every one of the girls was most delighted with her visit, and especially appreciated the thoughtfulness of the Tau girls in extending the invitation.

On the twenty-fifth of November we gave a musicale at the house, in honor of our patronesses and the mothers of

the town girls. Almost everyone came, and as it was the first time some of the ladies had been in the house, each girl acted as a guide for a group of two or three guests, and all the rooms, from the first to the third floor, underwent a most rigid inspection. The program passed off most successfully, and we all hope that everything afforded our guests as much pleasure as it did us.

Just at present most of the girls in the university are busily engaged in preparing for the fair which the Woman's League is to give in connection with an athletic carnival on next Saturday afternoon. The carnival is to consist of "stunts" by the various organizations in college, and is for the benefit of the Athletic association. Each girl in the university is supposed to contribute some article to be sold at the fair, for the benefit of the Woman's League. We are all looking forward to a good deal of fun and are hoping that the financial success will be great.

LOUISE SHIPMAN.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

In the lull caused in University activities at K. U. by the Thanksgiving recess, Kappa chapter, looking back over the past two months can begin to realize what busy ones they were.

In the first week of October our weekly Bible class was begun. This class is conducted at "the house" for half an hour before fraternity meeting every Monday evening, by Mrs. Wilbur, whose husband has the Presbyterian Bible chair at the University. This term we are studying the Gospel of John.

During the second week of October, Miss Ruth Paxson, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A., member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, visited our university. One evening she spent with us at the house and talked to us very helpfully and forcibly on the way in which we could and should help to abolish the existing fraternity evils.

The most important fraternity event of the past month was the initiation on October 25 of our first five pledges—Wilma Casebeer, Jessie Baldridge, Elizabeth Laird, Edith Barnett and Edna Gafford. The new ritual was used and the alumnæ who saw it for the first time declared it was the most impressive and successful initiation they had ever seen.

The second Saturday after the initiation, November 11, our delegate to Convention gave her official report. Many of our alumnæ were present and the meeting was a most interesting one.

On Monday evening, November 6, we held our pledge service for Iva Spaulding, of Kansas City, Mo.

Friday evening, November 17, was the night of our annual fall dance, given in honor of our freshmen, and the evening following, the freshmen gave their annual farce. This year it was "Art for Art's Sake" and was in the nature of a clever "take off" on the older girls.

On the evening of November 28, we held our second initiation for Iva Spaulding.

The most important university event which has occurred this year was on November 3, when the new law building was dedicated and named Green Hall, in honor of James W. Green, Dean of the law school. This building makes the ninth large one on our campus, and by next year there will be another—the new gymnasium.

The morning after Thanksgiving, when Kansas beat Missouri at foot ball, 24 to 0, many of the girls from Kappa chapter breakfasted with Xi alumnæ at the Coates House, Kansas City, Mo. This is a yearly event which affords a most pleasant opportunity for the girls to meet again with many of our more distant alumnæ.

The next event of much importance will be the Y. W. C. A. Country Fair, December 9. Kappa chapter decided unanimously to get off her "dignity" and be a band—the nationality of which has not yet been decided upon.

The Christmas holidays will soon be here and Kappa wishes her sister chapters the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years.

REBECCA E. MOODY.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Since our last letter we have added one more girl to our list of pledges, Helen Day, of Beatrice, Nebraska.

Probably the jolliest time the girls have had this fall was the trip to Minnesota. Fourteen of the girls and Mrs. Clapp, the instructor in the gymnasium department, went to Minneapolis with the football team and were entertained royally by the girls of Upsilon.

The annual county fair for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. was held in the Armory on the twenty-fifth of November. Every one in college took an interest in it and it was very successful.

Two new buildings are being added to our campus, the Physics building, which is almost completed and an Administration building.

MARY MORGAN.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Our long rushing season with its hard work is a thing of the past and as a result we have six new members whom we are very proud to introduce—Marian Keyes, Nettie Isom, Ruth and Clara Neely, Pearl Greenough and Ruth McCabe. We were especially fortunate this year in having Mrs. Norton and twelve Delta girls with us at initiation; altogether there were fifty-five Thetas assembled. It is a great treat to have visitors from other chapters and we hope to have that honor soon again. Earlier in the season we had an informal dance and now that we have a new hardwood floor in our hall we hold a very informal dance every Monday evening.

FLORENCE JENKINS.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Initiation is an event of the past and our seven freshmen have entered into and already become a part of the chapter life. Much as we realize the desirability of a late pledge

day, we feel that there are some advantages both to the freshmen and to the fraternity in being able to admit our new members into the fraternity life so early in the college year.

Football season at Minnesota is over and while we cannot claim the championship of the West this year and must admit to our first defeat in two years, we are not ashamed of our record. For us the most interesting event of the football season was the visit which the girls from Rho chapter paid us at the time of the Nebraska-Minnesota game. Fourteen girls from Lincoln came up the Saturday morning of the game and stayed until Sunday evening and every minute of their stay with us was thoroughly enjoyed by the Upsilon girls.

On Tuesday evening, the first week in December, we held our monthly, formal business meeting at which the alumnae chapter was present. A spread was served by the alumnae and late in the evening we all gathered around the piano and sang our fraternity songs.

On December 6th, the active chapter gave at Jane Bennett's an informal dancing party in honor of the freshmen.

Just now we are looking forward to Christmas. We expect to have our usual Christmas party and tree at the fraternity house before the holidays.

Upsilon extends its best wishes for a prosperous and happy new year to all other chapters.

GENEVIEVE JACKSON.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

When this Journal reaches its readers all Theta sisters will just be starting out to live up to New Year's resolutions. So, from over our Thanksgiving turkey Psi wishes you the happiest of New Years, and to Kappa Alpha Theta many happy returns of January the twenty-seventh. When we have our birthday spread we will think especially of the new

chapter at Toronto who is helping us celebrate this year for the first time.

Our link in Theta's chain of chapters has been strengthened this fall by the addition of seven new members—we are happy to introduce to you Ruth Cook, Lucille Wilcox, Gladys and Marguerite Mellick, Elva Caradine and Frances Mackintosh, all Wisconsin girls, and Martha Gale, from Oregon, Illinois.

The long stretch of hard work which followed our season of rushing gayeties has been broken by several festive occasions, among them initiation with its beautiful service made richer and more significant because we knew that we were observing in detail the same ritual used by all other chapters, and the preceding pledge service which we welcome as a fitting preliminary to initiation. Also for the first time this year we are observing the custom of devoting one meeting a month to a social evening just for our own selves. The different classes have been given charge of these "parties" and besides enjoying the results immensely, we feel sure that the greater opportunity we are given for getting more intimately acquainted with each other will be productive of much good. The arrival of the first number of the *Journal* was a great source of pleasure and inspiration to all of us. With great pride we passed copies around among the freshmen that they might begin to realize what it meant to belong to a national fraternity.

The close of the football season finds Wisconsin in a gloomy atmosphere, but in spite of their bitter defeats we feel that our football team has given us a splendid inspiration by their indomitable courage in the face of failure. But please all of you wish Wisconsin better luck for next year.

RUTH GOE.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Alpha Theta has just emerged from her second rushing season—bringing with her seven new Thetas whom she proudly introduces: Myrtle Garrett, of Timpson; Shirli-reed Streeter, of Waco; Leda Nash, of San Antonio; Lucy Gibbs, of Navasota; Linda Spence, of Dallas; Kate Flack, of Llano and Eugenea Greenwood, of Seguin. Now, of course, these freshmen required some effort in the winning, but Kappa Alpha Theta of Texas has rushed very reservedly this year, and great is our satisfaction with results.

Thanksgiving brought with it a round of gayety and a reunion of Alpha Theta. This year an amateur performance, "The King of Korea," took our attention the night preceding Thanksgiving, and, by the way, a Theta was induced to cast aside her Greek nature and become the Queen of Korea. Then there was the big football game and the Thanksgiving german, and finally and best was our initiation and banquet.

From now on, since exams. have been posted, there are two thoughts, one conscious, that of work to be done; the other sub-conscious, that of the approaching Christmas tide.

We are proud of the house-keeping and home-making qualities of the Texas chapter, and we wish to give you all a hearty invitation to receive with us on New Year's day or any day of the new year.

LILY BESS CAMPBELL.

Gamma District

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

On the evening of October the twenty-first, we held our initiation. We invited the girls from Omega to come and share our good time, and accordingly our freshmen had the pleasure of meeting the Thetas from our nearest sister chapter on that night.

November the eleventh, the day of the big football game between Stanford and Berkeley, was the event of the year for our university. Our new athletic field was fittingly dedicated by a glorious victory. The little university town of Palo Alto had one of the largest crowds to entertain in its history, there being fourteen thousand and seven hundred people who attended the game.

At this time we had the pleasure of having the Omega girls with us again. We served a buffet luncheon, entertaining about fifty.

Last week on the evening of the twenty-fourth of November, we gave a coming-out party for our freshmen. It added greatly to our pleasure to have upper classmen from the other fraternities and their friends at our dance.

There have been several Pan-Hellenic teas this semester at the different fraternity houses, little entertainments which I think most of the girls have enjoyed. It gives us an opportunity to stop and know one another better in the hurry of our college life. And if our Pan-Hellenic means what it should, when we have graduated and gone away from college we will be interested in other Greek-letter girls besides those who wear the kite.

We have no Pan-Hellenic contract for the opening of the new term after Christmas. The registration of freshmen then has never been large enough yet to warrant a contract.

Phi sends very best wishes for a bright and happy New Year to all Thetas.

MARY HUTCHINS.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

This year the fall term has seemed especially short, perhaps because we have no reminder from the weather that Christmas is drawing near. But now that December is at hand, a few rain drops are finding their way down upon the campus, bringing with them a realization that mid-year examinations, Christmas presents and vacation are at hand, a mixture of fun and work.

Is there any place where time flies as quickly as at college? It seems as if the last letter telling of the girls returning from summer vacation was but just dropped in the box, and here we are preparing before long to part for our three weeks at Christmas.

President Wheeler hurt our pride when, on returning from Convention of the Presidents of State Universities, he informed us that east of the Rockies no one seemed to know that there had been such a thing as a Stanford-U. C. football game! And yet for the space of at least a week we felt the eyes of the world were upon us, so important was the coming struggle. And the East did not know there was a game! We are just as glad they did not know the score. Stanford may spread the news abroad if she likes, that it was 12-5 in her favor.

But Omega was given such a splendid time by the Phi girls that the sharp edge of defeat was considerably softened. Practically all Omega deluged the Phi chapter house, where we were shown the height of Theta hospitality. The girls left Berkeley on Saturday morning, arriving at Stanford in time for lunch, and returning Sunday morning, defeated, but happy, because of the good time Phi had given us.

The university was honored when Mr. Richard Mansfield accepted the invitation of the Dramatic Association, and spoke on the afternoon of November 23rd, at Harmon gymnasium, to a large audience of not only college students, but outside people from about the bay. It is a rare privilege to be allowed the opportunity of hearing such a great actor lecture as an ordinary man.

On November third, Omega gave her annual reception to the freshmen, when an opportunity is given to extend our hospitality to parents, faculty, college and outside friends. A reception would not be a reception without a crowd and something to eat. Omega complied with the regulations in both instances. Afterwards some of the men were asked to remain to dance.

And now in two days Thanksgiving will be here. As a chapter and as a fraternity whole we surely have cause to be grateful for many good things. In proportion as fraternity girls have privileges that are denied many of those about us, we should exert ourselves to show appreciation actively in making conditions as happy as possible for those less fortunate.

CORNELIA STRATTON.

ALUMNÆ CHAPTER LETTERS

GAMMA ALUMNÆ—NEW YORK CITY

Gamma Alumnæ has so little real chapter life that there is not much news to present to the fraternity at large. It can but repeat its oft-spoken invitation to all Thetas who happen to be in New York, whether for a short or a long visit. Its place of meeting is at Hotel Martha Washington, in the private dining room, the time is at 11:30 a. m., of the first Saturday of every month.

Gamma Alumnæ wants all Thetas in New York to feel that these are not formal business meetings, but rather social gatherings where one may drop in for a social chat, stay to luncheon, and go on her way, having added one more to the pleasing list of Gamma's guests.

ELSA BERGEN WILLIAMS.

NU ALUMNÆ—SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

To the uninitiated, the idea of an infant alumnæ chapter might prove suggestive of either the theory of reincarnation or an entrance into a second childhood. To us, the alumnæ of Chi chapter, however such an idea is the fruition of many hopes and much labor. For some years our little group of "the old girls" has clung together with varying fortunes, diminished almost to the vanishing point at times by the calls of the distant school or home. Only within the past few months have conditions permitted a permanent organization. Nu chapter, with all the attendant blessings of a veritable Ponce de Leon fountain, is the result.

Suffice to say that never in our years of under graduate enthusiasm did the fundamental principles of Kappa Alpha Theta seem so vitally related to the real issues of life as now when those of us longest out of the college world are finding a stronger impetus to noble living in our new alumnæ organization.

We hope that the future may witness our relations with our active chapter and the fraternity at large characterized by an organized purpose of helpful co-operation. In all modesty we believe that the existence of our chapter may help to prove that Kappa Alpha Theta ideals are no less successful as guides in the serious business of living than in the world of study and play.

Twenty-six members, including many whose residence in nearby towns permits only an occasional reunion with us, is our record in membership.

If our advice should be asked, it would be to all unchartered Kappa Alpha Theta *alumnæ*, do thou go and do likewise.

LESLEY WEST.

ALPHA ALUMNAE—GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

The members of Alpha *Alumnæ* enter upon the work of the new year with fresh enthusiasm because we are convinced that the outlook for the fraternity in general and also for our own club work was never brighter. A special meeting was called to hear the report of our delegate, Miss Lillian Southard, on the Convention, and her vivid and interesting account brought inspiration to us all.

Some of our members of last year, whom we are sorry to lose, have left us for other fields of work. Miss Kate Hammond, who has been a member of the club since its founding, is now teaching vocal music in Riverside, California, and is much delighted with her new home.

Miss Ethel McWhirter was married last June at her home in Indianapolis, to Mr. Parker Wise, and now resides in New York.

Miss Julia Druly and Miss Jessie Case returned in September from a most successful year spent in the study of music, in Europe. Miss Druly was highly complimented for her work by the celebrated pianist Leschetizky. She has now resumed her work in Depauw university.

Miss Sue Terry has also returned from a summer spent in the West.

Mrs. Allie Hays Weik has composed a charming lullaby which was given at a recent meeting of the Woman's Club, of Greencastle. We are proud of Mrs. Weik's talent in this line.

Though we were sorry to lose some of our old members we are also glad to welcome among us our new members, most of them recent graduates.

Alpha Alumnae chapter wishes for every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta a most prosperous year.

MARY KATHARINE BIRCH.

EPSILON ALUMNAE—COLUMBUS, OHIO

The "old" girls! What is there to write about us? Our personals give our history, which this year has been startlingly uninteresting, from a purely girl point of view, for, so far, no engagements have been announced for discussion, even in the privacy of the Theta world. One never knows what the future may bring forth, however, and in the meantime we have the satisfaction of knowing, that, so long as our maidens do not marry "those horrid men," they will come to our meetings.

These latter are somewhat different this year from what they have been before. Instead of monthly spreads we are trying afternoon sewing parties, at which garments are made for a charitable organization. The irresistible spread is to be on the program occasionally, but it is the desire of the chapter, if possible, to accomplish some outside work at each meeting.

Another plan, to establish a closer friendship among our chapter members and the wives of our university faculty by giving a series of small receptions, has been temporarily abandoned, owing to the serious illness of a member of the active chapter. It will probably be done later, however. As

several of our girls have married into the faculty we feel especially desirous of encouraging this general acquaintance.

One of our "faculty Thetas" has recently started a clever movement, that of establishing a small "play-school" for very young children of the faculty. So far it has met with praiseworthy success, and its future seems assured.

With good word from our married Thetas and from our professional and business sisters, we are feeling content this year, especially at this season of good cheer. Epsilon hopes for a prosperous 1906, and wishes the same most sincerely to all sisters in Theta.

ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

To us, who are trying to renew our youth in alumnae chapters, the writing of chapter letters presents some difficulties. Lacking the energetic industry—the about-to-be—the everlasting better—of college chapters, we seem to have arrived at a state of completeness that is, at once, the joy and the despair of a corresponding editor hunting copy. We pursue the even tenor of our way, with none of the excitements of rushing, the agonizing suspense and the ultimate triumphs or defeats of "spiking," nor the more obvious delights of the subsequent spreads, picnics and other functions. But "heavy, heavy, hangs over our heads," the fine, so the corresponding editor is duly overwhelmed with the responsibility.

We are glad that the Convention endorsed alumnae chapters and wanted more of them. What to do with our members when they leave college has seemed as vexed a question as what to do with the ex-presidents of our country. One was either left completely out or left to cling fondly but insignificantly to the parent tree. The alumnae chapter solves the problem and presents the opportunity for a dignified transition.

It is a pleasure incalculable to women, whose lives possibly are filled with the cares of the home or the responsibilities of

the busy world, to preserve this joy-unalloyed, from their college days.

But our minds are not always "bent back straining to the past" and from the admirable program planned for the coming year Zeta Alumnæ hopes for much pleasure and profit.

Our year began with the observance of President's day, at the home of Mrs. Berryhill, our new president. After a dainty luncheon the following toasts were responded to, interspersed with Theta songs. Miss Sarah Cotton, acting as toastmistress, spoke of "Our Fraternity, Always and Forever," introducing each toast with an appropriate comment.

Growth.....Miss Emma Virginia Pearson

Harmony.....Mrs. Josephine Pittman Scribner

Master Builders.....Mrs. Charles W. Eichrodt

Achievement.....Miss Natalie Lord Smith

Kappa Alpha Theta.....Mrs. John Berryhill

The enthusiasm of members, some many years removed from active fraternity life, the "sweet social commerce," the mingling under the banner of the black and the gold, of the friends of happy reminiscence, the intimate and the stranger, the known and the loved will long be remembered. Truly "there is an outer world and there is an inner center."

At our November meeting, we listened to the report of our delegate to the Convention, Mrs. Eichrodt. This was delayed in order that members, returning from their summer homes and otherwise prevented from attending the meetings should not miss this very excellent account of the proceedings. Mrs. Eichrodt proved by her clear conversational recital, that she had been "a good delegate."

Once in a while it is given, among all true and loyal Thetas, for one to spring up, single-minded and disinterested in her steadfast allegiance and thus it is not surprising that Miss Emma Virginia Pearson should have been chosen as president of Beta District.

In January, it is hoped there will be a great fore-gathering of Thetas from all over the states, at a banquet to be given

here in celebration of the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta. Zeta Alumnae has very much at heart, the restoration of the Theta charter at Butler. The twelve girls suing for admission, possess the true *esprit de corps*, requisite for good and faithful Thetas.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, when Mr. Charles Swain Thomas will address us. His subject will be "The Oxford Movement."

And now to all Thetas and especially to our new chapter in Canada, Zeta Alumnae sends greetings of the season and wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

JOSEPHINE P. SCRIBNER.

MU ALUMNAE—CLEVELAND, OHIO

The letter of Mu Alumnae chapter will not recount much of this year's work for there have been but two meetings since last May. Owing to the fact that some of our members leave the city so early in the summer and do not return until fall, our chapter meetings are discontinued during the summer months, so it is only by chance that we get an occasional glimpse of one another in that time.

Our first meeting, a most delightful one, was in October, when we were entertained at luncheon at the beautiful country home of Mrs. C. W. Horr, in Wellington. All but the necessary amount of business was omitted so that we might enjoy together the beautiful fall day out-of-doors. At the time of our next meeting we were fortunate again in being guests at a luncheon, this time with Miss Mary Helen Cross as our hostess. We were glad to have with us Miss Cornelia Miller, of Elyria, an Alpha Gamma girl. Miss Josephine Barnaby, our delegate to the Convention, gave a full and very interesting report and now we are looking forward to the detailed account in the minutes.

Our plan for the year will include the study and discussion of many of the topics brought before the Convention and we

hope to add some philanthropic work, that we may feel we stand for a purpose other than our own selfish pleasure. Our chapter roll remains almost the same; there were but eighteen of us last year, and while we feel the greater possibility for close acquaintance in the small chapter, yet we hope that it may be enlarged. With this point in view we take this opportunity to ask that we may be informed of any Thetas who may come to Cleveland to live or who may be visiting in the city.

M. GRACE VANCE.

BETA ALUMNÆ—MINNEAPOLIS, MINN

Beta Alumnæ has been rather late in making up its chapter this year, but it now hopes to become such an "active" alumnæ chapter that it can be a help to Upsilon. It seems as if the enthusiasm and energy of an alumnæ chapter are misdirected, unless its aim is to assist materially and otherwise, the active chapter in her many duties and responsibilities. Our two chapters are hoping to come into even closer touch with each other this year than formerly, by holding our meetings almost together, one might say. The active chapter holds its long meeting the first Tuesday afternoon of each month; then the alumnæ members come to the chapter house for a six o'clock spread. After this the alumnæ chapter holds its meeting, at which it has already been suggested that an active girl be present to aid us in working nicely with her chapter. When all business has been attended to, we enjoy our social evening together, thus making it doubly pleasant for Beta Alumnæ and I trust for Upsilon also. This seems an excellent arrangement, for it is so easy for the two chapters to drift apart.

Most exciting plans were made for our coming Theta Christmas tree. I fear Santa Claus will be obliged to make a special trip if he brings all his Theta children desire this year. One present the Upsilon girls are planning to assist him in bringing the tree, is an archive chest, which is almost a necessity in every chapter.

Hoping that dear old St. Nick will be even as generous to you, our Theta sisters, as you deserve, Beta Alumnae will now wish you all a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

JANE P. BENNETT.

DELTA ALUMNAE—CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Our meetings are held the third Saturday of each month, from October to May, at 10:30, with luncheon at twelve, in the southeast corner of Marshall Field's Tea Room, which is screened for our benefit from the rest of the room.

Our October meeting was a reunion after the summer. Many said, "Why not have our first meeting in September? It seems too long to wait until October."

The fortunate ones who had been to Convention told us about it, and made us wish more than ever that we could have gone.

Helen Nind, our secretary, resigned, much to the regret of the chapter, as she was going to spend some months in California.

Mrs. Norton, the new president, of Delta district, is one of our most loyal members; we congratulate each chapter on being able to know her better and profit by her advice and experience.

It would be a great help to the secretary, if each chapter would send her the address of those who have come to Chicago, or near it, since the publication of the last Catalogue, and if those living in Chicago who do not receive notices of the meetings, would in some way make themselves known.

Don't let the oversight of any chapter keep any of its members from enjoying the meetings with us.

EVA R. HALL.

XI ALUMNAE—KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Xi Alumnae chapter held its first meeting for the fall on September thirtieth, at the home of Mrs. Ellison.

Lured by the knowledge that our Convention delegate, Miss Marie Nettleton, was to give her report, an unusually large number was present.

Miss Nettleton's most enthusiastic and entertaining account was so frequently interrupted by eager questions that all attempt at an orderly meeting was given up and the afternoon proved all too short to exhaust the subject. This report made us all feel the more keenly the importance of our bi-annual conventions and filled us with new warmth and loyalty.

We were glad to welcome into our chapter Irene Gilchrist, of Kappa chapter, '05. The recruits from the active chapter bring new life and vigor into our meetings and serve to keep us in closer touch with the college girls.

At present we are devoting all our energies to the planning and arrangement of our annual Thanksgiving breakfast. A number of Thetas come to Kansas City each year to attend the Missouri-Kansas football game and we make this the occasion of a grand Theta gathering. This year the active and *alumnæ* chapters of Lawrence and the *alumnæ* of Topeka have entered enthusiastically into our plans, and we are expecting to have about forty guests at the table.

In order that we may have an opportunity to see as much as possible of our guests, Miss Nina Drake will entertain us all, the day following the breakfast, at her home. This also has become an annual event as this is the third year that we have enjoyed her hospitality.

We are sorry to lose Miss Dorethea Nourse and Miss Darlene Doubleday from our chapter this year, but we know that our loss will be the gain of the chapter to which they have gone.

We have a new Theta baby to report in Miss Margaret Sallee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sallee (nee Louise Smith, Kappa, '02).

We have so many Theta babies here now that we are planning to have a "baby meeting" soon.

PERSONALS

Iota

Elva Hulburd Young, Iota, '98, and Mr. Charles Thorne Van Winkle, of Silverton, Colorado, were married November 15th, 1905.

Jane Day Cavarly, Iota, '01, and Mr. Henry Chapin Brooks, of New Rochelle, New York, were married November 3rd, 1905.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David Roe, Jr. (nee Nina Angell, Iota, '00), a daughter, Ruth, in November.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Martinetti (nee Lillian Constance Swift, Iota, '97), a son.

Born, to Lieut. and Mrs. Matson (nee Kathleen O. Conner, Iota, '98), a son, in July.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Kingsbury (nee Marguerite Hempsted, Iota, '00), a daughter, Marguerite, in October.

Juliet Crossett, Iota, '03, and Carolyn Crossett, Iota, '05, are engaged in settlement work in Hartley House, New York City.

Christine Busbee, Iota, '05, is teaching mathematics at Mount Holyoke.

Lambda

Lillian E. Corse, '93, is teaching French and German in Saratoga.

Mary Edwards, '97, was married to Mr. Cockle in October.

A little son was born to Dr. and Mrs. Guy E. Loudon (Marion McIntyre, '99), November the second.

Mrs. Florence (Burdick) Hayes, '95, is traveling in Europe.

May Boynton, '94, has returned from a visit to Boston.

Mabel Brownell, '01, has returned from an extended visit to Minneapolis.

Chi

Miss Boynton, Upsilon, was at the chapter house, October 6.

We were very glad to have Mrs. Lulu Kern Smith, one of our charter members, with us at fraternity meeting on October 13.

Miss Miriam Slocum, Alpha Epsilon, was with us for a short time, while visiting in the city.

Miss Elizabeth Nichols, Iota, visited at the chapter house, October 20-21.

Eva Smith, '03, is teaching in St. Paul, Minn.

Alpha Beta

Sarah P. Hunt has announced her engagement to Frank Hull, a graduate of the Columbia Law School.

Helen M. Eastwick, '02, has announced her engagement to John K. Harper, Delta U., ex-1900.

On November 18th, Mary S. Washburn was married to James J. Lippincott, Phi Kappa Psi, '04.

Caroline F. Comly has announced her engagement to Edson L. Harris, '02, Delta U.

Emily Janney, ex-'04, has announced her engagement to J. Keyser DeArmond, Haverford, '01.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cooper Johnson (nee Edith Lamb), a son, Robert E. L. Johnson, August 23rd.

One of our Barnard Thetas, Miss Evans, the delegate to the Student Government Conference, at Bryn Mawr, paid us a little visit in November.

May K. Flannery is in Boston.

Alpha Delta

The engagement of Ida Evans, '02, to Dr. Clyde Bixler, of Pittsburg, has been announced.

Ethel Hendrickson, '01, was married on September 28th to Mr. William Reginald Dorsey, a member of the Baltimore bar.

Alice Powell Bennett, '02, will be married December 12th to Mr. William Patterson Pollard, of Pittsburg.

Grace Simis Wright visited in Baltimore this fall.

Mary Boss, '02, Florence Walther, '04, and Ethel Elmer, '04, have returned from abroad.

Alpha Epsilon

On October 26, Ella A. Pollard, 1902, was married to Ralph C. Thompson, Brown, 1902, Alpha Tau Omega. They will live in Attleboro.

Bessie H. Bellows, 1903, has named her little daughter, who was born in October, Marjorie Thompson Bellows.

Agnes E. Clark, 1899, is taking postgraduate work in English, at Bryn Mawr this year.

Blanch L. Smith, 1907, was one of the two delegates from Brown to the Student Government Association Conference, at Bryn Mawr.

On November 22, a son, Charles Wheelock Goulding, was born to Ruth Appelton Goulding, 1901.

Mrs. R. S. Pattison (Frances Fitch), Cornell, 1907, is living in Providence this winter.

Alpha Zeta

Effie Murray Abrams, formerly of Iota, lately of Alpha Zeta, is at present interested in settlement work at the Greenwich House, 26 Jones street, New York.

Alpha

One of the founders of our fraternity, Mrs. Shaw, of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, visited her daughter, Miss Ella Shaw, for a short time at the first of the term.

Anna Osburn, '04, Louise McCabe, Emily Ballard, '07, and Carrie Finchy, '08, were in Greencastle for the banquet, given in honor of the new girls.

Susie McWhirter, '08, has returned from a trip in the west.

Beta

Edna Johnson, '98, has accepted a position in the Evansville High School.

Madeline Wylie, ex-'04, was married to Lewis J. Sentney, ex-'05, Phi Delta Theta, November thirtieth. They will be at home in Indianapolis after December eighth.

Norrine Rogers, of Cincinnati, visited us during Thanksgiving vacation.

Carrie and Pearl Kitchen, ex-'06, were the guests of Frances Murphy during the Thanksgiving vacation.

Mary Moses, '02, is teaching in the Elkhart High School.

Epsilon

Bess Park McHatton leaves for Leipsic, Germany, in a few weeks, at which place her husband will take charge of the Protestant church.

May Corbett has accepted the position in East Liverpool High School, Ohio, of teacher in the English department.

Cecelia Remy visited her sister in Wooster, several weeks ago.

Mary Sanborn has been made assistant librarian of the University of Wooster.

Florence Clarke Frazier will enter the Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, Ohio, after Christmas.

Eta

Ruth Manville visited Jessie Obetz, '08, in Detroit, during the Thanksgiving vacation.

Grace Holmes, '06, spent Thanksgiving with Esther Harmon, '06, and Charlotte Bissell, '03, in Toledo, Ohio.

Elsie Sawyer and Eleanor Rinn, '03, and Leila Love Browne, ex-'04, spent a Sunday in November together in Covington, Indiana.

Janet Goudie, '04, Helen Post, '03, Lois Wilson, '05, and Myra Post Cady were in Ann Arbor for the Michigan-Wisconsin game.

Faith Cooper, '04, is teaching German in the Detroit Home and Day School.

Mu

Jess Williams, '03, is teaching at the Chicago Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences.

Mrs. Kingsbury (Marguerite Hempstead) has a baby daughter, born in November.

Edna Gailey, ex-'06, is taking a course in nursing at the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.

Grace Jenks, ex-'02, Mrs. Derby (Alice Crittenden, '92), and Nell Fitzgerald, ex-'07, were here over Thanksgiving.

Pi

On November fourteenth, a daughter was born to Emma Osbourne Northwood.

Lena Hunt and Minard Farley, Alpha Tau Omega, were married in Detroit, on November fourteenth.

Inez Croman, '05, is teaching German and English in the Edwardsburg High School.

Genevieve Pope, '05, is teaching in the Stevensville High School.

Alice Wixom, '92, is principal of the High School at Wixom.

Jeannette Campbell, '05, is teaching piano in Charlevoix.

Edith Bolster, of the active chapter, has taken a place in the college as assistant history teacher.

Lucy Gardner is studying voice culture in Washington, D. C.

Rouie White, of Municing, called upon us recently. We were particularly pleased to see her once more before New Year's day, when she will take her vow to "love, honor and obey."

Alpha Gamma

Jessie Carpenter Seers visited her mother in Columbus a few weeks ago.

Maroe Sator Scott spent a short time in Columbus recently.

Charles Herman is the name of the baby boy who has come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lindenburg (Mrs. Lindenburg was formerly Deslia Hubbard).

Anna Williams Murfin visited Esther Taylor recently and about the same time Josephine Barnaby, Cleveland, visited Edith Bell of Columbus.

Edith Wilson spent Thanksgiving at her home in Selma.

Alice Marsh, one of our Seniors, was elected class historian.

Florence Dann was married to Mr. Sterling Waddell, Phi Delta Theta, on September fourteenth.

A son, Willard Baldwin, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Scott (Ethel Baldwin), now living in Cleveland.

Editha Dann has returned from a two years' stay in Europe and is now teaching German in this city.

Mrs. Joseph Russell Taylor (Esther Stafford) has recently opened a small "play-school" for the young children of the faculty.

Among our recent visitors were: Cornelia Miller, who is teaching in Elyria; Evaline Harrington, who is teaching in Logan; Henriette Weber, of Davenport, Iowa; and Mrs. H. Rush Wilson (Lillian Krumm), of New York City. Mr. Wilson has recently been made consulting lawyer for the New York Central.

Alpha Eta

Margery Ezell, ex-'07, is visiting Mary Lipe.

Louise Wilson, '05, who has been teaching in Franklin, is at home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Maria Mason and her sister will spend the Christmas holidays in Kentucky.

Delta

Rose Mather, '05, and Frances Headen, ex-'05, spent some time with us this fall, and were both here for initiation.

One of our charter members, Ida Conn Heald, called on us during installation week. Ruth Raymond Hazeltine and Louise Jones Adsit, two of the first girls taken into the chapter, were also here.

On October 21, Jessie Lummis, Ellen Smith, Henrietta Pitts, Helen Taylor, Mabel Davison, Mildred Sonntag and Myra Mather, all Delta Alumnæ, participated in the initiation ceremonies.

The Delta Thetas were all very glad to meet Irene Parkes, of Tau chapter, when she was here in October.

Elsie Sawyer, Eta, made us a flying visit in November.

Ann S. Pinkum, '05, an affiliate from Psi, is the head librarian of the Marinette, Wisconsin, library.

Mary Kittridge, Brown, '00, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has almost recovered from the effects of her illness.

Louise Beasley Lawson, one of our earliest members, who is now living in Salt Lake City, called upon us recently.

Rho

Edith Robbins, '07, is in school again after a year abroad.

Silence Dales was married on October eleventh to Mr. Charles Knapp, Delta Upsilon.

Ethel Norval, '06, was married on September seventh to Mr. Gustavus Babson.

Ruth Woodsmall, '05, has a fellowship in German at Wellesley.

Margaret Loomis, '03, is teaching in Hilo, Hawaii.

Zola Dellecker, '07, is back in school after a year's absence.

Ella Harper, '02, is spending the winter in New York.

Eleanora Weldy, '03, is in Lincoln, in the interest of the Y. W. C. A.

Mildred Post is in school after six weeks' illness.

Tau

We had a pleasant visit from twelve Delta girls on November eighteenth.

Harriet Illsley made her musical début on November twenty-eighth.

Upsilon

Isabelle Armstrong was married to Dr. Harry Pond Rawcon on November twenty-second. They will live in Minneapolis.

Katherine Morse March has been visiting in Minneapolis for the past two months.

Katherine Soughton has announced her engagement to Charles Allen Hart, of St. Paul.

Helen Stanford has announced her engagement to Frank Fernald, Phi Gamma Delta, '04.

Eva Smith, Chi, recently visited the chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray Stockton (nee Maidie Trever) are spending the winter in Minneapolis.

Sena Koch is in Santa Barbara, California, for the winter.

Phi

Ruby Green Bell, ex-'02, and Mr. A. W. Smith, head of Sibly College, Cornell, were married August 16, 1905, at Stanford.

Marie Markam, '99, has announced her engagement to Mr. Benjamin E. Page, '99, Phi Delta Theta.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Poole (nee Maryline Barnard, ex-'01), a son, November 6, 1905.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Alden (nee Barbara Hitt, ex-'05), a son, November 24, 1905.

The engagement is announced of May Morton, ex-'05, and Mr. Robert D. Swales, of Fort Bragg, California.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

Delta Kappa Epsilon held its fifty-ninth convention at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, November 8-10.

Sigma Nu will hereafter issue six numbers of The' Delta during the college year.

Sigma Chi announces the installation of its Omega Omega chapter at the University of Arkansas on September sixteen.

Four fraternity houses are under construction at the University of Wisconsin.

Chi Omega has established, in addition to the Eleusis, a secret organ, the Mystagogue.

On September twenty, Kappa Sigma installed its seventy-fourth chapter at the University of Idaho.

Helen Sherman, Alpha Phi, is the first woman of the University of Wisconsin to be awarded a scholarship by the Association for Promoting Scientific Investigation Among Women at Naples. She will spend the year in research work, having a table in the Zoological Station.

Aimaro Sato, the chief of staff and acting secretary of the Japanese peace plenipotentiaries, who was much in the public eye during the recent negotiations for peace at Portsmouth, is a member of Beta Theta Pi (DePauw, 1881).

Luther Burbank, the Californian whose experiments in plant crossing and cultivation have led to such wonderful results, has been made a member of the scientific honor society of Sigma Xi.

Legal obstacles have put final end to the negotiations begun in May, 1894, looking to the practical consolidation of Harvard and Massachusetts Tech. by an elaborate scheme of co-operation.

The last convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon appropriated \$3,000 for the memorial house at the University of Alabama, where the fraternity was founded in 1856. The gift is to be made on condition that the parent chapter shall raise half that amount in addition.

Delta Delta Delta fraternity announces the establishment of Alpha Xi chapter at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, November twenty-nine.

Syracuse University has bought the property adjoining the campus, known as "Yates Castle." It is still undecided what the University will make of its acquisition, but it is thought that a preparatory school will be established.

EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

September—The Shield of Theta Delta Chi.

October—Kappa Alpha Journal, The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, The Phi Chi Fraternity Quarterly, The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, The Delta of Sigma Nu, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi and The Beta Theta Pi.

November—The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, The Alpha Xi Delta of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, The Alpha Phi Quarterly, The Anchora of Delta Gamma, The Beta Theta Pi, The Phi Gamma Delta, The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta, The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta and The Sigma Chi Quarterly.

December—The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma and The Phi Gamma Delta.

The greatest improvements introduced into the fraternity are always traced to a chapter as the originator. What have you offered toward the improvement of Delta Gamma? A chapter would not acknowledge that its members were not as wide awake as any other chapter in Delta Gamma. Then give the Council the benefit of your ideas. One chapter, or even several chapters, cannot carry us forward. We must move together so that we cover all the ground and leave nothing for our rivals to criticize.

Somewhere, some clever person said it is "easy to be enthusiastic when one's convenience is not affected," and it seems to fit the girl who goes to convention, eats Delta Gamma's "bread and salt," is carried to the heights by enthusiasm and then in return takes nothing of worth back to her chapter.

You of the *alumnæ*, let your training of the undergraduates be so strong that we cannot find the selfish type among us. The chapter is the training school for our national officers and it depends upon you upper-classmen and *alumnæ* whether Delta Gamma will have her future Councils composed of broad-minded women, well equipped for their work because of their superior business methods and executive ability, or women whose relations with the fraternity in the chapter have not fitted them to be at the head of our government when that honor comes to their chapter. The one class means positive success, the other can only bring a failure, which is not in our creed.

As a retiring officer, may I make a strong plea for the *alumnæ* not to leave their chapter entirely to inexperienced undergraduates? It is not fair to them nor to your National fraternity.

Give your Council the support it should have and it will repay you many fold.—Blanche Garten—Anchora.

We are worth to our sorority just in proportion as we give of ourselves to it. Let us therefore give largely, freely and unselfishly.—The Crescent.

Mr. William Raimond Baird, in his edition of last spring, allowed the following fraternities to escape him: Kappa Theta and the "Indian Club" (since chartered by Sigma Chi) at Arkansas; Ivy (law) at Tulane; Theta Epsilon at Maine; Kappa Psi at Maryland; Phi Alpha Epsilon and Zeta Psi Phi at Pennsylvania; Gamma Alpha (graduate) at Cornell; Sigma Tau (engineering) at Nebraska; Rho Delta Phi at Wisconsin; Zeta Chi at Baker; College Shakesperian Club (1879) at Massachusetts State; and the Pukwana Club at Dartmouth.—The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.

Ohio State University offers a course in ceramics—which at O. S. U. means not mere "china-painting" but the whole art and science of making pottery. Such a course is offered by no other institution in the country.—An Exchange.

The Associated Press dispatches of the last month relate that the Society of American Women in London are working on a plan to give American college women similar opportunities for studying at English Universities as are afforded to American college men by Rhodes scholarships. The principal object of the promoters is, like Mr. Rhodes', social and political rather than educational.—The Anchora.

Every chapter has its natural leaders. Loyalty and intelligent devotion also make them. Good ideas are born of enthusiasm more than of mere high mentality when they are such as to elevate and make more efficient the life of the chapter. A man's life is the reflex of his feelings, not of cold mental operations. A burning loyalty is at the bottom of every useful leadership—the loyalty that is shown in attention to vital details as well as in a large and wholesome comprehension of what the chapter can do and therefore must do. On the other hand misguided

leadership is generally the result of selfishness and should early be detected and thwarted. It will cause dissension and may even wreck the chapter. The men selected to office should be the best and most capable men for their duties, not merely good fellows or men with swollen purses. Let every chapter have leaders—they are inevitable even in so purely democratic an organization; but let them be devoted first to fraternity, then to self; first to fulfillment of the Bond, then to their own advancement. Then shall accrue to them the finest and most abundant blessings of fraternity life.—The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

Too often an active chapter is prone to limit its rushing activity to the first few weeks of the college semester and to rest satisfied with the men it secures at that time. This is one of the greatest mistakes that can be made. Some of the best of fraternity material does not attract attention until later in the college year, and often the very best men are overlooked by the fraternities until their upper class years.—The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

Perhaps the most important care of the freshmen should be exercised in a supervision of their college work. The most valuable man to a chapter has his value discounted at a stroke when he is dropped from college for deficient scholarship. So it is a mere matter of self-protection for a chapter to see that its freshmen are maintaining a grade of scholarship that will at least retain for them college and active chapter membership. Unless the older men in the chapter look after a freshman there is considerable danger of his slighting his college work. The new life holds so many pleasures for him that he fails to grasp the importance of insuring four years' enjoyment of them by the necessary attention to his college duties. It is in this respect the elder brothers should step in and serve his personal interests while at the same time they are performing a most important chapter duty.—Delta Tau Delta Rainbow.

The general office of the Fraternity, which is the headquarters of the W. G. S. and the W. G. T., is located in Room 7, Masonic Temple, Danville, Va. The Lares and Penates of the Fraternity have been located in this modern office building for about three years.

The office has steam heat and electric and gas lights, and is comfortably and in some respects elegantly furnished with drugget, rugs, and oak furniture of nice quality. It is equipped with roll-top and typewriter desks, sectional bookcases for college annuals and bound volumes of *The Caduceus* and other Fraternity publications, and modern vertical filing devices for the Fraternity records. It also has a safe depository for the secret archives. The walls are bedecked with about thirty pennants of colleges where Kappa Sigma has Chapters, besides numerous framed Conclave and Chapter groups, pictures of the Founders, and of men who have attained prominence in Kappa Sigma circles.

The office is the choicest room in the entire building, and we have been offered all sorts of inducements to take another room and surrender this one to another tenant, but there was "nothing doing." It is perhaps the only office in the country devoted exclusively to fraternity purposes, and through it, or by it, the busy men of the S. E. C. are enabled to perform the work of the Fraternity with ease and regularity, and keep its affairs in an up-to-date and business-like shape.

The office is used by the local Alumni Chapter for meeting purposes and the members frequently avail themselves of its facilities for reading and writing. The accompanying pictures display the attractions of the premises and exhibit the W. G. S. and W. G. T. hard at work.—*The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*

Hunt up your alumni; tell the Greek world what they are doing, who they are doing, and how they are doing it; dig up your pictures; tell stories on your faculty; introduce your new brothers; tell us of all the balls—foot, base, and social; describe your sweethearts; tell us of your wives, and give us the names of your babies;

Show us the leaves you turn,
Tell us the jokes you joke;
Write us the dreams you dream,
The result of the pipes you smoke.

Sing us the songs you sing,
Tell us the thoughts you think;
Mail us your checks, and then
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—Phi Chi Quarterly

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